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OF THE

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OF THE

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IN THE

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Held in St. Andrew's Church, in the City of Philadelphia,

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LIST

OF THE

CLERGY AND LAY DEPUTIES

WHO COMPOSED THE CONVENTION.

CLERGY.

The Right Rev. William White, D. D., Bishop, rector of Christ, St. Peter's, and St. James' churches, Philadelphia.

The Right Rev. Henry Ustick Onderdonk, D. D. Assistant Bishop, Philadelphia.

The Rev. James Abercrombie, D. D. Philadelphia.

The Rev. Frederick W. Beasley, rector of All Saint's church, Lower Dublin, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. Samuel Bowman, rector of St. James' church, Lancaster.

The Rev. George Boyd, rector of St. John's church, N. L. Philadelphia.

The Rev. William Bryant, missionary, Moyamensing, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Edward Y. Buchanan, Rector of St. John's church, Pequea, and Christ church, Leacock, Lancaster county.

The Rev. Levi Bull, rector of St. Mary's church, East Nantmeal, Chester county, Bangor church, Churchtown, Lancaster county, and St. Thomas' church, Morgantown, Berks county.

The Rev. Chauncey Colton, D. D. President of Bristol College, Bucks county.

The Rev. Thomas Crumpton, rector of Christ church, Meadville, Crawford county.

The Rev. Robert Davis, Philadelphia.

The Rev. George C. Drake, rector of St. Paul's church, Bloomsburgh, Columbia county, missionary.

The Rev. Henry W. Ducachet, M. D. Rector of St. Stephen's church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Lyman N. Freeman, rector of Christ church, Brownsville, Fayette county, missionary.

The Rev. John R. Goodman, rector of St. John's church, Carlisle, Cumberland county.

The Rev. William Hilton, rector of Christ church, Allegheny, Allegheny county, missionary.

The Rev. John W. James, assistant minister of Christ church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Bryan B. Killikelly, minister of St. Peter's

church, Butler, Butler county, St. Paul's church, Kittanning, and Trinity Parish, Freeport, Armstrong county, missionary.

The Rev. George Kirke, rector of St. John's church, New London ⋈ Roads, Chester county, missionary.

The Rev. Samuel T. Lord, missionary at Athens and Towanda, Bradford county.

The Rev. Samuel Marks, missionary at Carbondale and Dundaff, Susquehannah county.

The Rev. James May, rector of St. Stephen's church, Wilkesbarre, Luzerne county.

The Rev. Samuel A. M'Coskry, Rector of St. Paul's church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. William Cooper Mead, D. D. rector of Trinity church, Southwark, Philadelphia.

The Rev. George Mintzer, rector of St. Andrew's church, West Vincent, Chester county.

The Rev. Richard U. Morgan, rector of Christ church, Reading, Berks county.

The Rev. Robert Piggot, rector of All Soul's church, Philadelphia, missionary.

The Rev. William H. Rees, rector of St. David's (Radnor) church, Newtown, Delaware county.

The Rev. John Reynolds, rector of St. James' church, Perkiomen, and St. John's church, Norristown, Montgomery county.

The Rev. Joshua M. Rogers, rector of Trinity church, Easton, Northampton county, missionary.

The Rev. John Rodney, Jr. rector of St. Luke's church, Germantown, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. George Sheets, rector of Trinity church, Oxford, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. Isaac Smith, rector of St. James' church, Muncy, Lycoming county, and St. Matthew's church, Sunbury, Northumberland county.

The Rev. Nathan Stem, rector of St. Stephen's church, Harrisburg, Dauphin county, missionary.

The Rev. Wm. Suddards, rector of Grace church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Stephen H. Tyng, D. D. rector of the church of the Epiphany, Philadelphia.

The Rev. George Upfold, D. D. rector of Trinity church, Pittsburgh, Allegheny county.

The Rev. James Wiltbank, Philadelphia.

Total 39.

LAY DEPUTIES ATTENDING.

Allegheny county. Trinity church, city of Pittsburgh, D. M. Hogan.

Berks county. St. Gabriel's church, Amity township, George L. Leaf.

Christ church, Reading, Matthias S. Richards, James P. Dunn and Henry Rhoads.

St. Thomas' church, Morgantown, Levi B. Smith, and David Morgan.

Bucks county. St. James the Greater's church, Bristol, Robert Wright.

St. Luke's church, Newtown, James Worth, Wm. Paff, Doctor Phineas Jenks.

Butler county. St. Peter's church, Butler, John Gilmore.

Chester county. St. John's church, New London township, Charles M'Donald.

St. Mary's church, East Nantmeal township, Samuel Shaeffer and Thomas K. Bull.

St. Peter's church, Great Valley, Cromwell Pearce.

St. John's church, Pequea township, Abner Ubil.

St. Andrew's church, West Vincent, Robert Ralston.

Cumberland county. St. John's church, Carlisle, Isaac B. Parker.

Dauphin county. St. Stephen's church, Harrisburgh, Benjamin Parke.

Schuylkill county. St. Luke's church, Pottsville, John R. Bowes.

Delaware county. St. Martin's church, Lower Chichester township, Marcus Hook, Thomas Robinson and George Lodge.

St. David's church, Newton township, Radnor, John Hunter.

Calvary church, Rockdale, Richard S. Smith.

Erie county, St. Peter's church, Waterford, B. B. Vincent.

Lancaster county. St. James' church, city of Lancaster, R. Conyngham and Walter Franklin.

Christ church, Leacock, John Lightner.

Bangor church, Cærnarvon township, Churchtown, John Sheaff.

Luzerne county. St. Stephen's church, Wilkesbarre, Wm. B. Norton and George W. Woodward.

Mifflin county, St. Mark's church, Lewistown, David W. Hulings.

Montgomery county. St. James' church, Perkiomen township, Jesse Bean.

St. John's church, Norristown, Z. Thomas.
Christ church, Pottstown, John P. Rutter.
Northampton county. Trinity church, Easton, H. Hepburn.
Philadelphia city and county. Christ church, James Y. Humphreys and P. H. Nicklin.
St. Peter's church, William Meredith, James S. Smith, and Francis Gurney Smith.
St. James' church, William Rawle, James C. Biddle and Durden B. Carter.
St. Paul's church, John Farr, J. D. George.
St. Stephen's church, Thomas I. Wharton, William Kirkham and Charles N. Banker.
St. Andrew's church, Cornelius Stevenson.
The Church of the Epiphany, Lewis R. Ashhurst, Wm. Musgrave and Joseph Watson.
St. John's church, Northern Liberties, Joseph S. Riley, James Vinyard and William Litford.
Trinity church, Southwark, George P. Story, Clement S. Rutter, Peter Williamson.
All Saint's church, Lower Dublin township, Samuel Cox.
Trinity church, Oxford township, Edmund Green.
St. Luke's church, Germantown, Benjamin Chew and E. Littell.
Grace church, Wm. H. Newbold, P. E. Hamm and Samuel W. Rush.
St. David's church, Manayunk, Charles V. Hagner, Samuel Wagner and Tobias Wagner.
St. Mary's church, Hamiltonville, William Adams and Christian Wiltberger.
Susquehanna county. St. Paul's church, Montrose, C. L. Ward. Total 73.

The following clergymen, entitled to seats in the Convention, were *not present*:
The Rev. Christian F. Cruse, Professor of Languages in the Abbeyville Institute.
The Rev. Wm. H. Delancey, D. D., Assistant Minister of St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia.
The Rev. Bennett Glover, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Erie, Erie county, Missionary.
The Rev. Henry J. Morton, Assistant Minister of St. James church, Philadelphia.
The Rev. Willie Peck, Missionary, at Montrose, Susquehanna county.

The Rev. Francis Reno, Beaver, Beaver county.
The Rev. John Taylor, residing in Pittsburg.
The Rev. Bird Wilson, D. D. Professor of Systematic Divinity in the General Theological Seminary.
Total 8.

The following lay deputies, entitled by the certificates presented, to seats in the Convention, did not answer to their names.
From St. Gabriel's church, Amity, Berks county, Thomas Jones.
St. John's church, New London, Chester county, Thomas Charlton, Wm. Colt.
St. Stephen's church, Harrisburg, Dauphin county, James S. Espy.
St. James' church, Lancaster, Lancaster county, P. V. S. Voorhis.
St. James' church, Perkiomen, Montgomery county, Edw. Evans.
St. John's church, Norristown, Montgomery county, Geo. Davis, and James Hooven.
Christ church, Pottstown, Montgomery county, Nathaniel P. Hobart.
Trinity church, Easton, Northampton county, Horace E. Wolfe and Wm. Davis.
St. Luke's church, Germantown, Philadelphia county, Wyndham H. Stokes.
St. Mary's church, Hamiltonville, Philadelphia county, John C. Bryan.
Christ church, Leacock, Lancaster county, Andrew Dunlap and Nathaniel F. Lightner.
St. Martin's church, Marcus Hook, Delaware county, Benjamin F. Johnson.
Bangor church, Churchtown, Lancaster county, Hansom B. Jacobs.
St. Andrew's church, Philadelphia, Jacob Lex, and Thos. Robins.
St. Paul's church, Philadelphia, Wm. Alexander.
St. Mark's church, Lewistown, Mifflin county, Rueben C. Hale.
St Luke's church, Pottsville, Schuylkill county, Robert C. Hill, and Charles Ellet.
Total, 23.

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PHILADELPHIA, ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH,
Tuesday, May 17th, 1836, 6 o'clock, P. M.

THIS being the day appointed for the meeting of the Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, the Right Rev. William White, D. D. Bishop of the Diocese, and the Right Rev. Henry U. Onderdonk, D. D. Assistant Bishop of the Diocese, with several Clergymen and Lay Deputies, attended in St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia, at 6 o'clock, P. M.

The chair was taken by the Bishop, and the meeting proceeded to organize.

A list of the Clergy entitled to seats, was called over by the Secretary, and the following answered to their names and took their seats.

Rt. Rev. Wm. White, D. D.
Rt. Rev. H. U. Onderdonk, D. D.
Rev. James Abercrombie, D. D.
Wm. Cooper Mead, D. D.
George Upfold, D. D.
Samuel Bowman,
George Boyd,
William Bryant,
Edward Y. Buchanan,
Levi Bull,
Thomas Crumpton,
Robert Davis,
George C. Drake,
Henry W. Ducachet,
Lyman N. Freeman,
Rev. William Hilton,
John W. James,
Bryan Killikelly,
George Kirke,
Samuel T. Lord,
Samuel A. M'Coskry,
Samuel Marks,
George Mintzer,
R. U. Morgan,
Robert Piggot,
John Reynolds,
Joshua M. Rogers,
John Rodney, jr.
George Sheets,
William Suddards,
James Wiltbank.
John R. Goodman,

The following Lay Deputies presented certificates of their appointment, answered to their names, and took their seats:

William Adams,
Charles N. Bancker,
Wm. Paff,
Isaac B. Parker,

Jesse Bean,
James C. Biddle,
John R. Bowes,
Durden B. Carter,
Samuel Cox,
R. Conyngham,
W. Franklin,
John D. George,
John Gilmore,
P. E. Hamm,
H. Hepburn,
D. M. Hogan,
Jas. Y. Humphreys,
Wm. Kirkham,
George L. Leaf,
John Lightner,
George Lodge,
Chas. M'Donald,
Wm. H. Newbold,
P. H. Nicklin,
Robert Ralston,
Wm. Rawle, jr.
Henry Rhoads,
Thos. Robinson,
S. W. Rush,
C. S. Rutter,
Jno. P. Rutter,
Samuel Shaeffer,
John Sheaff,
Francis G. Smith,
James S. Smith,
Levi B. Smith,
Cornelius Stevenson,
George P. Story,
Abner Ubil,
James Vineyard,
B. B. Vincent,
Peter Williamson,
James Worth.

On motion, the Convention went into an election of a Secretary, when the Rev. William Cooper Mead, D. D., Rector of Trinity church, Southwark, Philadelphia, was unanimously elected.

The standing rules of order were then read by the Secretary, from the revised regulations.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The business of every day shall be introduced with a form of prayer prescribed by the bishop.

2. When the president takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, unless to address the chair.

3. No member shall absent himself from the service of the house, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.

4. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the house, he shall rise from his seat, and without advancing, shall, with due respect, address himself to the president, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.

5. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the house.

6. A question being once determined shall stand as the judgment of the house, and shall not be again drawn into debate, during the same session, unless with the consent of two-thirds of the house.

7. While the president is putting any question, no one shall hold private discourse, stand up, walk into, out of, or across the house, or read any book.

8. Every member who shall be in the house when any question is put, shall, on a division, be counted, unless he be particulary interested in the decision.

9. No motion shall be considered as before the house, unless it be seconded, and reduced to writing when required.

10. When any question is before the house, it shall be determined on before any thing new is introduced, except the question for adjournment.

11. The question on a motion for adjournment shall be taken before any other, and without debate.

12. When the house is to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the president leave the chair.

To which was added, on motion, the following:

13. The house shall hold two sessions every day: viz. from 9 o'clock, A. M. to 2 o'clock, P. M., and from 5 o'clock, P. M. to 7 o'clock, P. M.; provided that the house will not meet on Wednesday morning until 10 o'clock, nor adjourn until half past 2 o'clock.

On motion,

Resolved, That such clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church, belonging to this Diocese, not entitled to seats in this Convention, and such clergymen, not belonging to this Diocese, and such clergymen of the Church of England or of her Colonies, and such students in divinity in the Episcopal Church as may be now in the city, be admitted to the sittings of this Convention.

Whereupon the following gentlemen attended the sittings of the Convention.

Rev. Messrs. Alden, Allen, Clark, Clemson, Douglass, Dupuy, Frederick Freeman, Hall, Henderson, Wm. S. Hinds, Hirst, Hommann, Hutchins, Kerr, Prevost, G. A. Smith, Ridgely, and Whitesides, of Pennsylvania.

Rev. Doctor Crocker, of Rhode Island.

Rev. Messrs. Mason and Zell, of New Jersey.

Rev. Mr. Diehl, of Virginia,

Rev. George D. Hill, Domestic Chaplain to the Bishop of Jamaica.

Rev. Mr. Lugger, Missionary of the Church of England.

A list of the clergy absent from the last Convention, was called over, according to Canon XIV, Section 5, when the Rev. Samuel Marks answered to his name, and offered an excuse.

Rt. Rev. Bishop Onderdonk moved that Rev. G. W. Ridgely is entitled to a seat in this Convention:—when it was moved by James S. Smith, Esq., that the consideration of said motion be postponed—which motion was negatived.

On motion, the Convention adjourned.

PHILADELPHIA, ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH,
Wednesday, May 18, 1836, 10 o'clock, P. M

The Convention met and attended divine service.

Morning prayers were read by Rev. Geo. Boyd, and a sermon delivered by Rev. Dr. Upfold: after which the communion was administered by Bishop White, assisted by Bishop H. U. Onderdonk, the Rev. G. Boyd, the Rev. Dr. Upfold, and Rev. E. Y. Buchanan.

The service being concluded, the Convention was called to order for business.

The roll was called.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

The following clergymen entitled to seats, and not present yesterday, appeared and took their seats:

Rev. Messrs. F. W. Beasley, Jas. May, Wm. H. Rees, S. H. Tyng, D. D., and Isaac Smith.

The following lay deputies entitled to seats, and not present yesterday, appeared and took their seats:

Matthias S. Richards, James L. Dunn, Benjamin Chew, Eliakim Littell, Wm. Meredith, T. I. Wharton.

The following lay deputies presented the certificates of their appointment, answered to their names, and took their seats:

Edmund Green, David W. Hulings, Richard S. Smith, Samuel Wagner, Tobias Wagner, Charles V. Hagner, Wm. B. Norton, George W. Woodward, Robert Right, Zadoch Thomas, C. L. Ward, John Hunter, Dr. Phineas Jenks.

On motion of the Secretary, the Rev. Dr. Ducachet was unanimously appointed Assistant Secretary.

On motion of the Secretary,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed on the charters of Churches applying for admission into this Convention.—Whereupon the following persons were appointed: Rev. Jas. Wiltbank, Jno. R. Goodman, and Richard U. Morgan, and Messrs. Meredith, James S. Smith, and Nicklin.

On motion of the Secretary,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed on unfinished business: whereupon the following gentlemen were appointed: Rev. John Rodney, Jr., John Reynolds, and Joshua M. Rogers.

The Right Rev. Bishop White delivered his annual address.

ADDRESS.

Brethren, the Clergy and the Lay Deputies of this Convention.

While in this the 52d of my annual Addresses to the Conventions of the Diocese, there will be perceived a considerable decrease of my active services, it is to be hoped, that there will be the admission of an apology, from my increase in age, from the increasing labours of the Right Rev. the Assistant Bishop, and from the providential visitation of a late dangerous disease.

From the 19th of August to the 1st of Sept. I presided in the General Convention of the church, an occasion blessed by a remarkable degree of union, and distinguished by measures which promise eminent benefit. They are detailed in the published journal of that body

On the 29th of November, I held a confirmation in St. Stephen's church, in this city.

On the 28th of March, I held a confirmation in Christ church, in this city,

On the 1st of April I held a second confirmation in St. Stephen's church, of this city.

On the 17th of the same month, I ordained to the Deaconship, the Rev. Augustine P. Prevost.

And on the 15th inst. I held a confirmation in St. Andrew's church, of this city.

I have given letters of dismission from the Diocese to the Rev. James H. Tyng, the Rev. Francis T. Todrig, the Rev. George W. Cole and the Rev. Simon Wilmer.

There have been received into the Diocese from other Dioceses, the Rev. Caleb I. Good, the Rev. Freeman Lane and the Rev. Isaac Varian.

The Rev. George Mintzer, has been transferred from his former charge to St. Andrew's West Vincent and St. Marks, Chester county.

The Rev. Cyrus H. Jacobs, has resigned his pastoral charge, and has accepted an agency in the service of Bristol College.

The Rev. William H. Rees, has resigned the rectorship of St. Peter's in the Valley.

The number of persons confirmed by me is 157.—The Assistant Bishop will report the number confirmed by him.

The number of candidates for Holy orders in the Diocese, is 25.

By the late General Convention, there was put an end to

the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society; the duties of which are to be hereafter assumed by the General Conventions, who are to act through the medium of a board of missions. This board is divided into two departments, one for Domestic and the other for Foreign Missions. Both of the committees for these purposes, are seated in New York.

The Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennylvania, continues to be patronized by the Episcopal population of the State. It also continues to enjoy the valuable aid of the Female Association for the publication and distribution of tracts.

The Sunday School Union is sustained in a high degree of usefulness.

The same may be affirmed of the Prayer Book Society.

There is still reason to complain of the little increase of the Episcopal Fund.

The arrangement of the fundamental laws of the Corporation for the relief of the widows and children of deceased Clergymen, was brought to maturity on the 22d of May last. It is to be hoped, that the Clergy generally will inform themselves of the condition of this fund, now amounting to above 50,000 dollars, and that it will no longer be almost wholly inoperative to the benefit of the families for whom it was designed. There is before the Legislature, a bill for the enabling of this corporation to hold any gifts or bequests which may be bestowed for the support of aged clergymen. The application for the enlargement, was occasioned by the munificence of two ladies of the city of Lancaster, one of whom has given 1000 dollars, and the other has promised the same sum, to be applied to the said object.

Being generally present at the meetings of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, it has been with pain, that I have witnessed much embarrassment and much waste of time, in consequence of the laxity of the expressions, in which some of our brethren occasionally clothe their testimonials, recommending to Holy orders or to candidateship, it has been distressing to gentlemen who are desirous of carrying into effect the Canons according to their obvious intent, to be assailed by arguments presumptive of there being compliance in the spirit, although not according to the letter of the requirement. What greatly aggravates the matter, is its tendency to the expense and the loss of time of the candidate, without any fault on his part. Every Rev. brother will perceive, that the cause of the present complaint may be guarded against by the very moderate precaution of having a copy of the canons

in his possession; and of reading what applies to the case before the signing of the testimonial.

The mention of the said laxity is considered by me as within my sphere of duty, because I might reasonably hesitate to proceed to ordination; under the knowledge, that the candidate comes recommended otherwise than as the Canons require.

I have nothing further to offer, except the expression of thankfulness to Almighty God, for the permission vouchsafed to me, of another annual opportunity of meeting the clerical and the lay representatives of the Diocese, in consultation for the due ordering of its concerns.

WM. WHITE.

The Right Rev. Bishop Onderdonk then delivered his annual address.

ADDRESS.

Brethren—the Clerical and the Lay Members of this Convention:

We again assemble at the annual period, to consult for the benefit of this portion of our Redeemer's heritage, to rejoice in our continued prosperity, and that of our church at large, and to record our gratitude to Heaven for these divine mercies. Great cause have we for thankfulness, and so to live as will show that we "praise the Lord for all his benefits." Among these let us again include, as we have long done with thankful hearts, the protracted life, mental energy, and usefulness, of our venerable diocesan. Though lately visited with very severe illness, he again, through the divine blessing, sits with us as the President of the Convention; and for the fifty-second time; our head officially, and our father in the warm affections of us all. May he yet be much longer spared to us, to guide and share the good work of our growth and extension, and therein to rejoice with us, while we rejoice in and with him.

The proceedings of the General Convention, held last August, were of great interest and importance; but they are now so generally known that I need not enumerate them. The admission into union of the diocese of Illinois, with Bishop Chase at its head; was a most happy transaction. The canonical provision for electing missionary bishops has resulted

in the consecration of the Rev. Dr. Kemper, on the 25th of last September, at which I had the high gratification of assisting: it took place in St. Peter's Church, in this city, in the midst of a large assembly of brethren and friends who had long known and loved him; and we all learn with joy, though no more than we all expected, that his episcopal course has most happily and effectively begun, and promises a continually increasing usefulness. Another canon of the last General Convention has led to the selection, by the Bishops of our church, of one of our reverend brethren of this diocese to the episcopate of Michigan: the action of the Standing Committees on the case is in progress. A proposition to amend the General Constitution, so as to allow the division of the larger dioceses, will be laid before you. The subject of clerical and episcopal trials was before the Convention; but the proposed canons were laid over for further consideration; as also was a motion tending to the repeal of the 6th article of the General Constitution, which gives to each diocese the legislation on "the mode of trying clergymen:" though this matter is not in form before you, it is so as appended to the Journal of the General Convention; and I therefore take the liberty of suggesting that, while general canons on such trials, *recommended* only to the several dioceses, may be useful, as a guide to those which are new, or which have legislated but imperfectly in the cases, it would scarcely be expedient or proper to *enforce* their adoption, by expunging the article of the Constitution on which the authority of diocesan "modes of trial" is founded: different habits of thinking, not irrelevant to this matter, prevail in different sections of our country, and how far these should be respected each diocese is the best judge: and a diocese which has good and well matured canons of the kind, ought not to be compelled to surrender them for others that may be different yet no better: the right of the diocesan conventions to legislate on this subject has been recognised from the date of our first "General Ecclesiastical Constitution."

It is well known to you, that the general missionary interests in which our church is engaged, were transferred by the Convention from the former society proper to a Board of missions; under which are two Committees, and two Secretaries and General Agents, for the domestic and foreign departments respectively. The former committee was fixed in New York; and the latter which was at first placed here, was on the 24th of September removed to that city: both are understood to be acting with great zeal and success. A new impulse appears to have been given to the cause of general missions, by

the proceedings at the time of the Convention, which will lead doubtless to very happy results. The duty of Episcopalians, simply as members of the Church of Christ, to make efforts and contributions for the spread of the gospel, was strongly asserted, and has been generally allowed. The unity of the sphere of missionary action, as including the whole world, was likewise fully declared, meaning that there is no difference in *principle* among the claims of the several species of missions, whether for a city, a diocese, our whole country, or foreign nations; whether to our own wicked or unprovided population, to our Christian brethren not able themselves to sustain the gospel, or to Mahomedans or the heathen; and that the choice between these is left to mere *individual preference*, guided of course by a conscientious judgment as to the best opportunity of doing good. Such a principle, duly adhered to, will remove the whole controversy of principle between the different branches of this work of gospel benevolence; leaving only those minor grounds of distinction, incidental to all matters left to the agency of imperfect men, which may lead to a variety in judgment, but can never sanction variance in feeling. It has lately been well remarked, that the only question between the several kinds of missions, is "that of simple distance."*

On the 31st of May, I attended a meeting in St. Stephen's Church, in this city, when farewell addresses were made in reference to the departure of two missionaries to China, the Rev. Messrs. Lockwood and Hanson; our venerable diocesan delivered a parting charge, and they received a solemn benediction. On the 16th of August, in St. Andrew's Church, I attended a missionary meeting in behalf of the diocese of Illinois. When the meeting for the aid of Bishop Kemper's episcopal district took place in this city, I was in the north eastern section of our diocese. That held for the mission to Persia, to which the Rev. Mr. Southgate devotes himself, I was unable to attend, having previous engagements.

I was present at the meeting of our General Sunday School Union during the session of the General Convention. That institution has been encumbered with a heavy debt; for the extinction of which, however, a number of contributions have been made or pledged. It well deserves, from its capacity for eminent usefulness, the ample support and patronage of our whole communion. The anniversary of the schools of our diocesan society I could not attend, being then at the Delaware Convention.

* Dr. M'Vickar's Professional Years of Bishop Hobart.

At the meetings of the Trustees of the General Theological Seminary, in June and November, I was present: those in August and in January I was not able to attend. At the latter meeting, a Professor of Ecclesiastical History was added to the Faculty: the individual chosen was the Rev. William R. Whittingham, a brother well known to us as distinguished for talent and industry; the endowment of this professorship, $25,000, is the gift of Mr. Stuyvesant of New York: at the same time, the Rev. Samuel Seabury, a clergyman of high qualifications, was appointed to give instruction in the evidences of Christianity, and moral science in its relations to Theology. The Seminary, I rejoice to say, is flourishing beyond expectation, though still greatly in want of funds for its current expenses. A new building, of the same dimensions with the former one, will soon be completed. The whole number of students is about 90, of whom 16 belong to this diocese, and of these six will complete the seminary course on the 1st of July next. An institution so obviously and greatly useful needs no general commendation from me; yet I cannot but urge upon all in this diocese the duty of contributing to its current expenses, which are now encroaching on its capital, and will continue to do so, without aid of this kind, till certain other resources become available.

In conformity with Canon 7 of 1835, I now proceed to state to you "the affairs of this diocese since the last meeting of its Convention," so far as they have come under my cognisance.

I have *preached* on every Sunday and principal Holy-day, including two Sundays spent in Delaware, and one in Brooklyn and New York. In the churches in Philadelphia, I have preached 49 times: once in the lecture room of the church of the Ascension, an edifice erected on the foundation purchased from All Soul's Church; the congregation was respectable in numbers and appearance, and the aspect of things very promising; three times at Moyamensing school house, the congregation worshipping in which has recently been organized under the name of All Saint's Church: at the Orphan House, once: and at the House of Refuge, once.

In July last, I preached at Bristol, twice; at Manayunk, twice. In August, at Norristown, twice; at Perkiomen; at New London ⋈ Roads; at West Marlboro'; at Germantown. In September, at Oxford, twice; at Leacock; at Piquea, twice; at Holmesburgh, three times; at Lower Dublin; at Reading; at Morlattin; at Pottstown. In October, at Manayunk, twice; and at Chester. On the 20th of that

month, I left home on a northern visitation, during which I preached at Mauch Chunk; at Towanda, three times; at Columbia, (Bradford county); at Troy, three times; at Athens, twice; at Sugarloaf; at Orangeville; at Bloomsburgh, three times; at Danville, twice; at Jerseytown; at Muncy, twice; at Hughesburgh; at Milton; at Sunbury, twice, including the annual thanksgiving day; at Northumberland; at Pottsville, twice; at Schuylkill Haven; and again at Mauch Chunk, on the 9th of November. In that month, I preached again at Chester. On Christmas day, at West Chester, twice. In February, at Newtown, (Bucks county,) twice. In April, at Concord. On the 15th of April, I set out on a north-western visitation, during which I preached at Lewistown, three times; at Huntingdon, twice; at Indiana; at Glade Run, (Armstrong county); at Kittanning, three times; at Freeport, twice; at Butler, twice; at Erie, twice; at Waterford; at Rockville; at Meadville, twice; at Philipsburgh, twice; at Belle Fonte; at Farrandsville, three times; and at Muncy. From this journey I returned on the 12th inst. Last Sunday, the 15th, I preached at Newton, (Bucks county) in the morning and afternoon.

In June, I preached three times at Bristol College, confirmed 24, and administered the Holy Communion to about 50 persons, most of them students. The whole appearance of things was admirable, and gave the fullest promise of results of the highest possible benefit to the inmates of the institution, and of very great advantage to our Church. The College, I am persuaded, is advancing rapidly to the attainment of the universal confidence of the diocese.

At Christ Church, Upper Merion, belonging to our Swedes' brethren, I preached on the 6th of December, confirmed 10 persons, and administered the Holy Communion.

I report 8 *baptisms*, all of children, performed by me, and not included in the parochial registers. Also, 7 *marriages*. The *Holy Communion* I have administered 34 times, including all public occasions; and twice in private to sick persons. I again submit to the Convention the propriety of endeavouring to obtain a legal character for my Register of Baptisms and Marriages. I have attended no funerals, except as acting for one or other of my brethren, the parochial clergy.

The ordinance of *Confirmation* I have administered forty-one times, including those at Bristol College, and at the Swedes' Church. The following is the detail: At Bristol College, 24 persons were confirmed; at Bristol, 13; Manayunk, 7; Norristown, 8; Perkiomen, 31; New London Cross Roads, 5; Germantown, 2; Oxford, 11; Leacock, 6; Piquea, 10; Lower Dublin, 6; Holmesburgh, 2; Reading, 7; Morlattin, 3; Pottstown, 1; Manayunk, 5; Towanda, 4; Athens, 3; Sugarloaf, 3; Bloomsburgh, 21; Danville, 1; Jerseytown, 9; Muncy, 16; Sunbury, 1; Pottsville, 9; Mauch Chunk, 5; Upper Merion, 10; St. Paul's, Philadelphia, 21; Grace Church, Philadelphia, 22; Moyamensing, 5, and again 10, making together 15; St. John's, Philadelphia, 14; St. Paul's, Philadelphia, 12; Church of the Epiphany, Philadelphia, 13; Glade Run, 8; Kittanning, 10; Freeport, 14; Butler, 4; Erie, 4; Meadville, 8; and Muncy, 4. There appears to be a generally increasing attention to this ordinance, and a growing sense of its value and interest. And further benefit would unquestionably result from a large distribution of judicious tracts on the subject.

On the 15th of October, I *consecrated* St. Paul's Church, Chester; the walls of this building are about a century and a half old; but the late improvements have given the whole a complete renovation; both the exterior and interior are remodelled, and a gallery, short spire, and vestry-room added; it has also a good bell. On Sunday last, the 15th inst. I consecrated St. Luke's Church, Newtown, (Bucks County,) a very neat and commodious edifice, the erection of which, and the gathering of the respectable and numerous congregation worshipping in it, on ground where our worship and distinctive principles were recently almost unknown, and within the space of two or three years, reflect the highest credit on the labours of the pastor, and on the perseverance of his originally few but determined lay adherents.

The churches *erecting* in this diocese, not before reported, are four in number. The Church of the Ascension in this city, of which the lecture-room is already used, will be soon complete, and a very neat structure; under the care of its active and judicious rector, it will doubtless be the means of great good, and of adding much to the strength of our church. St. Andrew's Church, Yardleyville, is nearly complete; like that at Newtown, it is in the midst of a population who were ignorant of our church, till it was exhibited to them, and many of them taught to love it, by the zealous rector of the two parishes. At Honeybrook, a church under the name of St. Mark's is complete or nearly so. St. Paul's Church, Laceyville, near Pittsburgh, is in good progress, and will probably be consecrated in the course of the next autumn.

St. Martin's Church, Marcus Hook, has been enlarged and essentially repaired. St. Peter's Church, Pike Run, has been thoroughly repaired.

Since the last Convention, I have *ordained* 7 priests and 6 deacons, in this diocese.

On Sunday, May 24th, in St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia, I admitted Mr. William Adderly to the holy order of Deacons.

On Sunday, August 16th, in Trinity Church, Philadelphia, I admitted Mr. Henry F. M. Whitesides, and Mr. William Hommann to the holy order of Deacons.

On Monday, September 14th, in St. John's Church, Piquea, I admitted the Rev. Edward Y. Buchanan, deacon, to the holy order of Priests.

On Sunday, October 11th, in St. David's Church, Manayunk, I admitted the Rev. Frederick Freeman, deacon, to the holy order of Priests.

On Saturday, October 17th, in St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia, I admitted the Rev. John J. Kerr, lately a minister in an independent Presbyterian denomination, to the holy order of Deacons.

On Friday, October 23d, in the Presbyterian Church in the town of Towanda, I admitted the Rev. Samuel T. Lord, and the Rev. Willie Peck, deacons, to the holy order of Priests.

On Sunday, November 29th, in St. Paul's Church. Chester, I admitted the Rev. Marmaduke Hirst, deacon, to the holy order of Priests.

On Sunday, January 3d, in St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia, I admitted Mr. John Linn McKim to the holy order of Deacons.

On Sunday, February 14th, in St. Thomas' (African) Church, Philadelphia, I admitted the Rev. William Douglass, deacon, to the holy order of Priests. Mr. Douglass is a man of colour; and I take the opportunity of recording my very favourable estimate of his highly respectable intellect, and most amiable qualities, which entirely relieved my mind, in his case, from the anxieties I had long felt in reference to this department of episcopal duty. He ministers to a congregation at unity in itself, much attached to him, and improving, under his pastoral care, in the principles and duties of our common christianity.

On Monday evening, April 25th, at Freeport, in a place of worship owned in part by Episcopalians, I admitted the Rev. Bryan B. Killikelly, deacon, to the holy order of Priests.

On Tuesday, May 10th, in St. James' Church, Muncy, I admitted Mr. Marcus K. Cushman to the holy order of Deacons. Mr. Cushman was recently an ordained minister in the Methodist denomination.

On the 23d of September, I assisted Bishop White at the *institution* of the Rev. John A. Clark to the rectorship of St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia. And on the 29th of November, I instituted the Rev. Richard D. Hall to the rectorship of St. Paul's Church, Chester.

I have accepted *letters of dismission* to this diocese as follows: On the 3d of June, in behalf of the Rev. Charles Williams, D. D. from Bishop Doane; on the 13th of August, in behalf of the Rev. Marmaduke Hirst, then a deacon, from Bishop Onderdonk, of New York; on the 23d of August, in behalf of the Rev. John W. French, deacon, from the same bishop; on the 29th of August, in behalf of the Rev. Frederick Freeman, then a deacon, from the same bishop; on the 6th of October, in behalf of the Rev Caleb S. Henry, deacon, from the same bishop. The Rev. Alexander Varian, deacon, has presented a letter of dismission, bearing date Nov. 30th, from Bishop McIlvaine which I have accepted. On the 25th of February, Bishop White accepted a letter of dismission, in behalf of the Rev. Freeman Lane, from Bishop Hopkins.

On the 6th of June, the Rev. Corry Chambers was dismissed by me from this diocese, and transferred to that of Delaware. The Rev. Simon Wilmer has been dismissed by Bishop White to the diocese of Maryland; also the Rev. Francis T. Todrig to the diocese of New York; also the Rev. James H. Tyng to the Eastern diocese: all these transfers are accepted. On the 14th inst. I forwarded to the Rev. Thomas West a letter of dismission to the diocese of Tennessee. On the 16th inst. I gave the Rev. James De Pui a letter of dismission to the diocese of Illinois.

The leave of absence given to the Rev. Dr. De Lancey has been extended, at two subsequent times, to fifteen months in all. The Rev. Henry J. Morton has leave of absence for six months. I rejoice to say that no death has occurred among our clergy during the past year.

The name of John Campbell is no longer on our list of candidates. That of John McElhinney has been withdrawn. That of David Dick has been left out, with much regret on my part, as Mr. D. is a most worthy man and an excellent churchman; but the demands of secular business, which had long deferred his preparation and examinations, were still of such a nature that no definite period could be assigned to

their probable urgency. The name of John R. White has recently been withdrawn; his health being such as to prohibit the continuance of his studies.

The Rev. George Montgomery West, a presbyter of the diocese of Ohio, was, on the 22d of August, by Bishop White and myself, and in conformity with the 40th canon, "forbid to officiate" in this diocese; he having grossly violated the 45th canon. This is the person who is unhappily notorious for the sacriligious and schismatic endeavour to pass himself as a bishop.

The Rev. John A. Clark, has become the Rector of St Andrew's Church, Philadelphia; and the Rev. John B. Clemson, Rector of the church of the Ascension, Philadelphia. The Rev. C. F. Cruse, has resigned his mission, and become a Professor in the Abbeville Institute. The Rev. Alexander Varian also is a Professor in that seminary. The Rev. Jacob M. Douglass has become the Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Francisville. The Rev. F. Freeman has become the Rector of St. David's Church, Manayunk; and the Rev. R. D. Hall, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Chester. The Rev. John W. French, and the Rev. Caleb S. Henry are Professors in Bristol College. The Rev. Benjamin Hutchins has resigned St John's Church, York; and the Rev. Cyrus H. Jacobs, St. Paul's, West Whiteland; and St. Andrew's, West Vincent. The Rev. James De Pui has resigned his charge at Pottsville; and the Rev. R. A. Henderson has been invited to that place. The Rev. Geo. Mintzer has removed from his parishes and mission at Morlattin and Pottstown, to West Vincent and Honeybrook.

Other clerical arrangements and changes will be given in the list of the missionaries. But while on this subject, allow me a few remarks. The chief cause of the frequent removals of clergymen from their parishes is the total inadequacy of their maintenance. Too many of our laity permit their consciences to be satisfied with the subscription of a few dollars *per annum*, or the payment of a small pew-rent, for the support of their ministers; when the whole amount of the salary scarcely equals the wages and keeping of respectable labourers and mechanics, or the pay of a good clerk. I speak not of one portion of the diocese more than another. In both city and country, these discreditable facts show the general rule, too discreditable, and by far too general. While Providence is largely blessing our Commonwealth in things temporal, and increasing the ability of our lay-brethren, and while the enhancement of the price of most of the necessaries of life ren-

ders the stipends of the clergy less adequate, the benefit is engrossed by the former, while the latter and their families are inconsiderately left to their embarrassments, their disheartenings, their helpless poverty—till, as a last resort, they leave their parishes, in the hope of getting others where they will be better provided for; though that hope proves commonly but an illusion. My brethren of the laity, "these things ought not so to be: doth the same fountain send forth both sweet water and bitter? Think you that while the bitter waters of personal and family distress overwhelm the heart of a pastor, he can furnish, so freely as he ought, the sweet waters of salvation, for your comfort and eternal welfare? Alas, it is scarcely in man. Let none say that I am asking wealth for my clergy: no indeed; their salaries generally might be doubled, most of them quadrupled, before they could rank with their parishioners living in mere competent ease. I ask for them nothing like wealth, but simply the means of enabling them to discharge their duties with minds not beaten down by worldly cares, unavoidable and continual. Increase then your contributions; enlarge their salaries; and, besides their salaries, think of them, and share with them, when you are appropriating to your own use any of the bounties given you by Providence, for this will create new links of mutual love and confidence, and will tend to establish a local affection that will make their parishes be to them as an endeared home.

On the evening of the Epiphany, I attended in St. Stephen's Church, in this city, the anniversary of our Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania. To the claims of this invaluable institution, the diocese has become more generally sensible; but much is still wanting, in efforts and contributions, to give it all the efficiency of which it is capable. Its regulations are good; its administration is every where satisfactory; it has had, from the first, "the unqualified approbation" of the diocese, represented in Convention; it keeps usually in its employment more than twenty missionaries, (just now, in consequence of recent changes, there are but twenty,) who officiate in more than forty congregations, and at as many other places where congregations are not organized; and at least twenty-seven of our present houses of worship owe their construction very directly to its fostering care. Yet its resources are small. It certainly does not receive its fair proportion of the religious contributions of the diocese. And some perhaps of our brethren, who give little or nothing for the spread of the gospel, would at least contribute to this So-

ciety, if they duly considered the benefits it is conferring on the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

During the past year, the Rev. Messrs. Cole, Crusé, De Pui, Mintzer, Stem, and West have ceased to be missionaries of the society. Those now in its service, 20 in number, and their stations, are as follows:

1. The Rev. William Adderly, deacon, at Georgetown, and St. Paul's Church, on the Ohio River, Beaver county,

2d. The Rev. William Bryant, at Moyamensing, Philadelphia county.

3d. The Rev. George C. Drake, minister of St. Paul's, Bloomsburgh, and missionary at Jerseytown and Sugarloaf, Columbia county.

4. The Rev. Lyman N. Freeman, at Brownsville, Fayette County, and Pike River, Washington county.

5. The Rev. Bennet Glover, at Erie and Waterford, Erie county.

6. The Rev. William Hilton, at Allegheny, near Pittsburgh.

7. The Rev. Marmaduke Hirst, at Rockdale, and parts adjacent, Delaware county.

8. The Rev. William Hommann, deacon, at Farrandsville, and parts adjacent, Lycoming county.

9. The Rev. John J. Kerr, deacon, Greensburgh, Westmoreland county—and Connelsville, Fayette county.

10. The Rev. Bryan B. Killikelly, at Kittanning, Freeport, and Glade Run, Armstrong county, and Butler, Butler county.

11. The Rev. George Kirke, at New London ⋈ Roads, and West Marlborough, Chester county.

12. The Rev. Freeman Lane, at Springville, Susquehanna county, and Pike, Bradford county.

13. The Rev. Samuel T. Lord, at Troy, Towanda, and Athens, Bradford county.

14. The Rev. John L. McKim, deacon, at Honesdale, and parts adjacent, Wayne county.

15. The Rev. Samuel Marks, at Carbondale, Luzerne county, and Dundaff, Susquehanna county.

16. The Rev. Willie Peck, at Montrose and New Milford, Susquehanna county.

17. The Rev. Robert Piggot, at Hamiltonville, Philadelphia county.

18. The Rev. Joshua M. Rogers, at Easton, Northampton county.

19. The Rev. Isaac Smith, at Muncy and Hughesburgh, Lycoming co., and Sunbury and Milton, Northumberland co.

20. The Rev. Henry F. M. Whitesides, deacon, at Lewistown, Mifflin county, Huntingdon, Huntingdon county, and Thompsontown, Juniata county.

Our Society, you are aware, extends also its patronage to young men preparing for the ministry; from such beneficiaries are prosecuting their theological studies under the Education Committee, two of them in the General Seminary.

It gives me the highest pleasure to record, again, my gratitude for the kindness and hospitality with which I have been everywhere received in visiting the diocese.

Allow me to commend to the notice and patronage of the diocese, "the Bishop White Prayer Book Society." With a calm but persevering energy, it has, within the two years of its existence, distributed about 8000 copies of the Liturgy, sending them throughout our State, our country, and to foreign climes, to awaken the careless, to comfort the lowly, to reclaim the erring, to win the disaffected, and to guide the devotions of the family and the public altar. Let not such an institution be forgotten in the contributions we make to the cause of the Redeemer. Its annual meeting will be held this evening.

Last evening, I attended the annual meeting of our Diocesan Sunday School Society; and the report gave evidence of its increasing usefulness.

My Brethren:—I have no other topics to lay before you. You will now proceed to your duties, as the representatives of the portion of the church of God which forms this diocese. May the divine blessings be upon you, in all your deliberations! H. U. ONDERDONK.

Philadelphia, May 18th, 1836.

The Secretary presented articles of association from Trinity Church, Pottsville, Schuylkill county, which on motion was referred to the committee on Charters.

The Secretary also presented the charter of St. Paul's church, Laceyville, Allegheny county, which on motion was referred to the committee on charters.

Bishop Onderdonk called up the question of the Rev. G. W. Ridgeley's claim to a seat in the convention.

The Rev. J. W. James moved to refer to a committee the case of the Rev. G. W. Ridgely, which on motion was carried. The following committee was then appointed: Rev. J. W. James, Messrs. Jas. S. Smith, Wm. Meredith, Thos. I Wharton and Rev. John Rodney, Jr.

On motion of the Secretary,

Resolved, That, until the next stated Convention, the actual expenses of the Assistant Bishop, upon his Episcopal visitations, be paid out of the Convention fund: provided that the amount so paid do not exceed the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars.

The Rev. Geo. Sheets moved that the thanks of this convention be presented to the Rev. Geo. Upfold, D. D. for the appropriate sermon just delivered, accompanied by our earnest prayers that we may all "obtain mercy to be found faithful," which was unanimously carried.

Adjourned until 5 P. M.

St. Andrew's Church,
Wednesday, May 18th, 5 o'clock, P. M.

The Right Rev. Bishop Onderdonk, having taken the chair, the roll was called.

Rev. Dr. Colton and Rev. Mr. Stem appeared and took their seats.

The following lay deputies presented certificates of their appointment and took their seats, Mr. Wm. Musgrave, Hon. Cromwell Pearce.

The charter of Zion church, Penn township, Philadelphia county, was laid before the convention, and on motion, referred to the committee on charters.

Mr. Worth asked and obtained leave of absence.

The committee on the case of the Rev. G. W. Ridgely, presented the following report.

REPORT.

The committee to whom was referred the motion before the convention "that the Rev. G. W. Ridgley be admitted to a seat in this convention," respectfully report:

That the Rev. Mr. Ridgley was a resident in this Diocese before the last convention, and that he organized a parish, which was admitted into union with the convention of last year, on the last day of its session, May the 21st, he being its rector at the time of its admission. The 4th article of the constitution compared with the 8th canon will determine whether the Rev. Mr. Ridgley has a seat in the convention of this year, which commenced its session yesterday, the 17th of May. That portion of the article which applies to the case is as follows; "Every clergyman of the church of whatever order, being a settled minister of some parish within this State, shall be entitled to a seat and vote in convention, if he has been actually and personally, as well as canonically,

resident within this state, for the space of twelve calendar months, next before the meeting of the convention, and has for the same period been employed in performing the duties of his station." A clergyman must, to entitle him to a seat, be actually and personally resident, and canonically resident, and as it regards both for twelve calendar months next before the meeting of this convention. There is no doubt as to Mr. Ridgley's actual and personal residence for the specified time. To be canonically resident in the Diocese, a clergyman must have been ordained by the Bishop and not dismissed from it, or received by the bishop on a dimissory letter from another Diocese, and must satisfy the bishop that he has been called to settle in some Parish, &c. in the Diocese; and he must then continue this canonical residence and settlement for twelve calendar months. The Rev. Mr. Ridgley had joined this Diocese by a dimissory letter, some time before the 21st of May, 1835, but did not become settled in a Parish of the Diocese until that date, and consequently will not have been canonically resident and a settled minister for 12 calendar months in the Diocese, until the 21st of this month, several days after this date, while the constitution declares it must have been the case for 12 calendar months next before the convention.

The committee consider this to be the plain application of the constitution and canons to the case; and while they deeply regret that such a decision of the case will bear so hardly in denying a seat in the convention, for deficiency of a few days, a clergyman who has been so successfully engaged in the duties of his office, yet while the constitution is so explicit in its provisions there is no choice left but to obey it. To violate it in the least is to weaken its influence and its usefulness as the law which governs all; and will open the door for an endless succession of questions, which will be the more difficult to determine after we have given up a strict conformity to our only guide.

The committee therefore recommend to the convention the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That the Rev. G. W. Ridgley, not having such canonical residence in the Diocese as is required by the constitution, is not entitled to a seat in this convention.

JNO. W. JAMES, Chairman.
JAMES S. SMITH,
W. MEREDITH,
T. I. WHARTON,
JNO. RODNEY, Jr.

Whereupon it was moved that the resolution appended to the report be adopted.

When the Rev. Dr. Ducachet, moved its indefinite postponement, which motion was lost.

The question on the original motion recurring, the President decided that it was out of order.

Whereupon, the Rev. Mr. James moved to alter the resolution so as to read "canonical settlement," in the place of "canonical residence," which was adopted.

The question on the resolution as amended, being taken by orders and churches, and the yeas and nays called, it was decided as follows.

CLERGY.

Yeas, Rev. Messrs. Beasley, Bowman, Boyd, Buchanan, Crumpton, Ducachet, Freeman, Goodman, Hilton, James, Kirk, Lord, Mead, Rees, Rodney, Rogers, Sheets, Smith, Stem, Upfold, Wiltbank,—21.

Nays, Right Rev. Bishop Onderdonk, Rev. Messrs. Abercrombie, Bryant, Bull, Colton, Davis, Drake, Killikelly, M'Coskry, Marks, May, Mintzer, Morgan, Reynolds, Suddards,—15.

LAITY.

Yeas, Wm. Musgrave, Benjamin Chew, Durden B. Carter, William Rawle, H. Hepburn, T. I. Wharton, C. N. Bancker, Wm. Kirkham, John Gilmore, Chas. Mc'Donald, Samuel Cox, Samuel Shaeffer, Peter Williamson, George P. Story, Clement S. Rutter, P. H. Nicklin, W. Franklin, James S. Smith, Wm. Meredith, Francis G. Smith, B. B. Vincent, John P. Rutter, Richard S. Smith, Samuel Wagner, Tobias Wagner, G. W. Woodward, Wm. B. Norton, Z. Thomas, Wm. H. Newbold, Samuel W. Rush, Levi B. Smith, —31.

Nays, P. E. Hamm, David Morgan, Phineas Jenks, C. L. Ward, Robert Wright, Isaac B. Parker, D. M. Hogan, Jos. S. Riley, Wm. Litford, J. D. George, Cornelius Stevenson, Jesse Bean, M. S. Richards, Henry Rhoads, William Paff, Benjamin Parke,—16.

From which vote it appeared that the churches by their laity stood thus:

CHURCHES.

Yeas—Church of the Epiphany, Philadelphia; St. Luke's church, Germantown; St. James' church, Philadelphia; Trinity church, Easton; St. Stephen's church, Philadelphia; St. Peter's church, Butler, Butler county; St. John's church, New London ⋈ roads, Chester county; All Saint's church, Lower Dublin, Philadelphia county; St. Mary's church, East Nantmeal, Chester county; Trinity church, Southwark, Philadelphia; Christ church, Philadelphia; St. James' church, Lancaster; St. Peter's church, Philadelphia; St. Peter's church, Waterford, Erie county; Christ church, Pottstown, Montgomery county; Calvary church, Rockdale, Delaware county; St. David's church, Manayunk; St. Stephen's church, Wilkesbarre; St. John's church, Norristown; Grace church, Philadelphia,—20.

Nays—St. Luke's church, Newtown, Bucks county; St. Paul's church, Montrose, Susquehanna county; St. James' church, Bristol, Bucks county; St. John's church, Carlisle; Trinity church, Pittsburgh; St. John's church, Northern Liberties, Philadelphia; St. Paul's church, Philadelphia; St. James' church, Perkiomen, Montgomery county; Christ church, Reading; St. Stephen's church, Harrisburgh; St. Andrew's church, Philadelphia.—11.

Divided—St. Thomas' church, Morgantown, Berks county.—1.

So the question was decided in the affirmative.

Adjourned.

PHILADELPHIA, ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH,

Thursday, May 19, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayers were read by the Rev. James May.

The roll was called.

The following lay-delegates, not present yesterday, appeared and took their seats: John Farr, Christian Wiltberger, Lewis R. Ashhurst, Joseph Watson, Thomas K. Bull.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

The Rev. Mr. Rees, through Bishop Onderdonk, asked and obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session, in consequence of sickness in his family.

The Rev. Dr. Mead, Secretary of the Standing Committee, laid on the table the minutes of the said Committee, and also the accounts of the Treasurers of the Convention, and of the Episcopal Fund.

The names of the clergy were then called agreeably to the resolution of the last Convention, to inquire whether collections were made in their respective Churches for the Convention Fund: when it appeared that collections had been made by the following clergymen: Rev. F. W. Beasly, Rev. Samuel Bowman, Rev. Geo. Boyd, Rev. E. Y. Buchanan, Rev. Thomas Crumpton, Rev. Geo. C. Drake, Rev. J. R. Goodman, Rev. Wm. Hilton, Rev. Bryan B. Killikelly, Rev. Geo. Kirke, Rev. Samuel T. Lord, Rev. Samuel A. M'Coskry, Rev. Samuel Marks, Rev. James May, Rev. Wm. Cooper Mead, Rev. Geo. Mintzer, Rev. R. U. Morgan, Rev. W. H. Rees, Rev. John Reynolds, Rev. J. Rodney, Jr., Rev. Joshua M. Rogers, Rev. Geo. Sheets, Rev. Isaac Smith, Rev. Nathan Stem, Rev. Wm. Suddards, Rev. Geo. Upfold.

The following clergymen had not made the enjoined collection: Right Rev. Wm. White, D. D., Rev. Wm. Bryant, Rev. H. W. Ducachet, Rev. John W. James.

The following did not answer to their names: Rev. Levi Bull, Rev. Wm. H. De Lancey, D. D., Rev. Bennett Glover, Rev. H. J. Morton, Rev. Willie Peck, Rev. Robert Piggot, Rev. S. H. Tyng, D. D., Rev. James Wiltbank.

The Committee appointed by the Convention of 1835 to consider the most equitable mode of defraying the expenses of the clergy incurred in attending Convention, made the following

REPORT:

That in consequence of the increased facilities in travelling and a corresponding diminution of expense, in some quarters of the Diocese, while in some others there has been little change from former rates, and possibly in a few instances there may be an increase of expense, your Committee are induced to believe that the system adopted at former Conventions of distributing the sum voted towards the defraying the expenses of the clergy in attending Convention according to mileage, is not entirely equitable, and now submit as the result of their examination of the subject a recommendation of the following resolution.

Resolved, That each Clergymen entitled to mileage under the resolution of last Convention, be requested to report and pay over to the Treasurer as early as practicable the amounts of their collections, together with a written estimate of their actual expenses in attending Convention, and that a committee be appointed to act with the Treasurer, who shall apportion, pro rata, any sum that shall be voted by the Convention

towards defraying the expenses of the clergy entitled to mileage under the resolution aforesaid.

TOBIAS WAGNER
W. MEREDITH.

When upon motion of Dr. Mead the resolution appended to the report was adopted.

The Treasurer of the Convention laid before the house the account of arrears due the Convention Fund, which, on motion of Dr. Mead, was referred to the Committee on the expenses of the clergy, with power to compromise or remit the said arrears.

On motion of Dr. Upfold,

Resolved, That a Committee, of two clergymen and two lay-deputies, be appointed to consider that part of the address of the Right Rev. the Assistant Bishop relating to the devising of some legal register for the record of such baptisms and marriages as have been or may hereafter be performed by him in places within this Diocese, where there are no organized parishes or parochial registers, with power to apply to the Legislature of the Commonwealth at its present or some ensuing session for the passage of a law to that effect if deemed necessary.

Whereupon the Rev. Dr. Upfold, the Rev. Mr. Bull, the Hon. John Gilmore, and James S. Smith, Esq. were appointed the Committee.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. James,

Resolved, That the same Committee be directed to call the attention of the ministers and vestries of the several Churhes in the Diocese to the 12th of the canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the State of Pennsylvania, entitled, "of registers of baptisms, marriages and deaths, and of parochial reports."

The Committee on unfinished business made the following

REPORT:

That they have examined the Journal of the last Convention and find nothing that was left undetermined at that time except a resolution, page 26, of Mr. Meredith's, appointing a Committee to report to this Convention on the correctness of the list of Churches, &c.

J. RODNEY,
J. M. ROGERS,
J. REYNOLDS.

The Rev. Mr. James moved, that the Committee referred to in the said report be continued.

Bishop Onderdonk moved the postponement of the motion with the view to introduce another, proposed by the Rev. Mr. Goodman, which was carried.

The Rev. Mr. Goodman then offered the following resolution, which was carried.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to whom be referred the subject of determining the rule to be observed in ascertaining the canonical existence of the Churches in this Diocese.

The following gentlemen were appointed the Committee. Right Rev. Bishop Onderdonk, James S. Smith, Rev. J. R. Goodman, Rev. Dr. Mead, Mr. Meredith.

Mr. Meredith, from the Committee on charters presented the following

REPORT:

The Committee on charters report that they have examined the following which were referred to them, viz:

1. Charter of Zion's Church, Spring Garden, in the county of Philadelphia.
2. Charter of St. Paul's Church, Lacyville, Allegheny county.
3. Trinity Church, Pottsville, Schuylkill county.

And find that they are all in conformity with the requirements of the constitution, and that they have been submitted to the Bishop and Standing Committee and by them respectively approved.

The Committee offer the following resolution.

Resolved, That the three Churches are admitted as members of this Convention.

W. MEREDITH,
JAMES S. SMITH,
JAMES WILTBANK,
J. R. GOODMAN.

Which on motion was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Meredith, the Right Rev. Bishop White was added to the Committee on "determining the rule to be observed in ascertaining the canonical existence of the churches in this diocese."

On motion of the Secretary,

Resolved, That a Committee on mileage be appointed, to apportion the payment of the expenses of the clergy in travelling to this Convention.

Committee, Messrs. Wagner, Meredith, and Smith.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Meredith, seconded by the Rev. Samuel A. McCoskry, and unanimously adopted:

"This Convention adverting to the recent delivery of our revered Bishop from dangerous bodily sickness desire to express their thankfulness to Almignty God, who is the giver of life, of health, and of safety, with their fervent prayer that a life devoted to an humble, holy, and obedient walking before him, may by his gracious Providence be yet prolonged to the advancement of his glory and the edification of his Church."

On motion,

Resolved, That an attested copy of the foregoing resolution be sent to Bishop White.

A form of charter of St. Mark's Church, Mauch Chunk, Northampton county, was laid before the Convention, and, on motion, referred to the Committee on charters, who on examination reported verbally in favor of admitting said Church into union with this Convention; which report, on motion, was adopted.

The Rev. Mr. Bull asked and obtained leave of absence until to-morrow.

On motion of Tobias Wagner,

Resolved, That $200 be appropriated to the Committee on mileage.

On motion of Dr. Mead,

Resolved, That the Convention proceed to the election of officers.

Whereupon Rev. James Wiltbank, Rev. John R. Goodman, Mr. Huling, and P. H. Nicklin, were appointed tellers—the first two on the part of the clergy, and last two on the part of the laity.

The tellers reported the result of the election to be as follows:

Standing Committee.

Clergy.	*Laity.*
Rev. Dr. ABERCROMBIE,	Mr. CHARLES WHEELER,
Dr. MEAD,	JAMES S. SMITH,
Dr. DE LANCEY,	TOBIAS WAGNER,
Mr. BOYD,	JOHN ANDREWS,
Mr. JAMES,	PHILIP H. NICKLIN,

Deputies to the General Convention.

Clergy.	*Laity.*
Rev. Dr. Mead,	Mr. Wm. Meredith,
Mr. Bull,	Horace Binney,
Dr. Upfold,	Edward J. Stiles,
Mr. Bowman,	James S. Smith.

Committee on Supply of Vacant Congregations.

Clergy.	*Laity.*
Rev. Mr. Rodney,	Mr. Hazlehurst,
Mr. Sheets,	Dr. D. W. Brinckle,
Mr. Suddards.	Mr. L. R. Ashhurst.

Treasurer of the Convention.

Tobias Wagner.

Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund.

P. H. Nicklin.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Boyd,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to procure, if possible, accommodations for the members attending the next Convention.

Whereupon the Rev. George Boyd, the Rev. Samuel A. McCoskry, and Dr. W. D. Brinckle, were appointed said Committee.

The parochial reports, which, on motion, were read at different periods during the sittings of the Convention, are here inserted.

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PARochial REPORTS,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 1st, 1836.

Report of the Rev. F. W. Beasly, Rector of All Saints' Church, Philadelphia County.

Baptisms, adults, 8; infants, 15; total 23—Communicants, added, 14—Died or removed, 8—Confirmed, 8—Sunday School Teachers, 16; pupils, 171—Collections, Episcopal Fund, $13; Missionary and other purposes, $105; total, $118.

Divine service is celebrated twice on each Sunday, in the morning at All Saints' Church, in the afternoon at the chapel at Holmesburg. The congregation has also been assembled on Christmas day, Ash Wednesday, and Good Friday.

For some time past the Rector has opened the chapel on

Wednesday evenings for divine service and a sermon. There have also been other religious services in different parts of the parish.

The Sunday School at All Saints' Church, which commenced last May, is now in a very flourishing condition. It has 89 scholars, and there is a prospect that the number of its teachers will be increased.

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Report of the Rev. S. Bowman, Rector of St. James' Church, Lancaster Lancaster County.

Baptisms, infants, 6—Congregation, Familes, 60; adults and children, not ascertained—Communicants, added, 5—Died or removed, 7—Present number, 66—Public services, on Sundays, 104, other days, 21, total 125—Marriages, 8—Burials, 14—Children catechised, once a month—Sunday Schools, 1 male, having 8 teachers and 41 pupils, one female, having 12 teachers and 68 pupils; and one infant school, having 50 pupils; total schools, 3; teachers, 21; pupils, 159—Collections, Episcopal Fund, $21 25; Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $30 19; Convention Fund, $22. The Female Auxiliary Missionary Society of St. James' Church, have engaged to support a missionary in the diocese of Tennessee, and have forwarded to the Treasurer of the parent society, $125, being the first half-year's payment. The teachers and scholars of the Sunday School, have contributed $50, for the aid and relief of General Episcopal S. S. Union; and $527 have been expended in enlarging and improving the organ of the Church, and the Sunday School House. Total contributions for missionary and other purposes, $775 44.

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Report of the Rev. George Boyd, Rector of St. John's Church, Northern Liberties, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults, 5; infants, 76; total, 81. Congregation, families, 109. Communicants, added, 11; died or removed, 14; present number, 229. Public services, on Sunday, 2; other days, 2; total, 4. Confirmed, 15. Marriages, 16. Children catechised, 180; times, monthly. Bible classes, none at present. Sunday Schools, male, 1; teachers, 9; pupils, 80; female, 3; teachers, 24; pupils, 220; total schools, 4, teachers, 33; pupils, 300. Collections, Episcopal Fund, $13 40; Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $50; missionary and other purposes, $52 71; total, $116 11.

During the past year, the contribution society, (formed for the purpose of raising funds to pay off the Church debt, for the original expenses incurred in the erection of our house of

worship, and which has been referred to in former reports,) was dissolved, and the subject which it has in charge, was referred to the vestry of the Church, with a request that they would make it a part of their regular business. This the vestry have fully consented to do. A standing committee upon the subject has been appointed, and sundry resolutions adopted. From this time there is reason to believe that this matter will not be lost sight of or neglected, and that the proceedings of the vestry in relation thereto will occupy a prominent place in the parochial annual reports.

The Females of the parish still continue their laudable endeavours in the missionary work, and within the past year they have also constituted their Rector a life member of the Bishop White Prayer Book Society.

The Sunday Schools do not materially differ from the state in which they were reported last year. The teachers are uniformly attentive and diligent in their self-denying employments. Perfect harmony and unity of action prevail throughout every department of the parish; for the continuance of which there are many who will not cease to pray.

All which is respectfully submitted.

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Report of the Rev. William Bryant, Missionary for the Society for the Advancement of Christianity, Rector of All Saints' Church, in Moyamensing, in the county of Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults, 1, infants 47, total 48; Congregation, families, not known. Communicants, added, 8; died or removed, 2; present number, 32. Public services, on Sundays, 104; other days, 12; total, 116. Confirmed, 15; marriages, 2; children catechised, every Sunday; bible classes, 1; members, 8; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 6; pupils 55; female 1; teachers 10; pupils, 69; total, schools, 3; teachers 18; pupils, 184; 1 infant school of about 60 children and 2 teachers.— Collections, Misssionary and other purposes, $56,50.

Our congregation may truly be said to be made up of wayfaring men who remain with us a little while, receive salutary impressions, or become (apparently) confirmed in the principles of our holy religion, and then retire into the country, (some to the far west) it is hoped to be the seed of the church wheresover their lot may be cast. It is a truth that our congregation is made up of emigrants who are poor, and have come to this western world to seek an improvement in their circumstances in whatever way providence may seem to direct.

Report of the Rev. Edward Y. Buchanan, Rector of St. John's Church, Pequea, Chester county, and Christ Church, Lacock, Lancaster Co.

Baptisms, adults, 1; infants, 1; total 2; congregation, families, 48; communicants, added, 2; died or removed, 1; present number, 46; public service, on Sundays, 26; other days, 7; total 33; confirmed 10; marriages 3; burials 3; children catechised, 25; times 6; bible classes 1; members, 15; Sunday schools 2; teachers 27; pupils 80; collections, missionary and other purposes, $48,00.

Christ Church, Lacock, Lancaster County.

Baptisms, infants, 3; congregation, families 40; communicants, removed, 7; present number, 24; public services, on Sundays, 26; other days, 3; total 29; confirmed 6; marriages, 1; burials 1; children catechised, 6; collections, $23,25.

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Report of the Rev. Levi Bull, Rector of Bangor Church, Churchtown, Lancaster county, &c.

Baptisms, 10 children; congregation, 250; communicants, 45; public services, 26 in the year on Sundays, besides occasional service on week-days. Children are catechised on Sunday during the summer. Sunday schools 1; teachers 12; pupils about 60; collections, for Episcopal Fund, $2,50; for Soc. Adv. Chrs. in Penna. $5,25; missionary and other purposes, $68,62; total, $76,37.

St. Thomas' Church, Morgantown, Berks County.

Baptisms, 1 child; congregation, 200; communicants, 56; public service, 26 in the year on Sundays, besides occasional service on week days; children are catechised on Sundays during summer; Sunday schools 1; teachers, 10; pupils about 40; collections, for Epis. fund, $2,56; for Soc. Adv. Christianity in Penna. $1,86; missionary and other purposes, $24,50; total 2 8,9 2.

St. Mary's Church, Chester County.

Baptisms, 11; adults 2; children 9; congregation 300; communicants 121; service on Sundays, 26; others occasionally; marriages 6; children catechised during summer; Sunday schools, 1; teachers 10; pupils 50; collections, Episcopal Fund, collection made, but amount unknown; Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, to be made on the 22d inst., missionary and other purposes, about 83 dollars; total, about $100.

There has been erected, and completed, a church called St. Marks' Church, in Honeybrook township, Chester county, about 6 miles south west from St. Mary's, during the last

year. Its dimensions are, 54 by 44 feet, with a basement story under one half of the building. It does great credit to the energy, liberality, and piety of the people, who are waiting with great anxiety for its being set apart for the service of Almighty God, according to the rites and doctrine of the Protestant Episcopal Church. It may be also mentioned that the congregation was organised last winter a year ago, and that the Vestry have given a call to the Rev. George Mintzer who has accepted thereof, and has taken charge of the parish.

P. S. The Sunday schools referred to in these reports have hitherto been connected with the American Sunday School Union. Measures have been taken to unite them with the Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union.

Report of the Rev. John A. Clark, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults, 15; infants 16; total 31; congregation, families, the Rector is unable to say; communicants, added 50; died or removed, 49, within the last two years; present number, 361; public services, on Sundays, 74, within the last eight months; other days, 100; total 174; confirmed, 44; marriages, 3; burials, 12; bible classes, 3; members, 178; Sunday schools, male, 3; teachers, 20; pupils, 228; female, 5; teachers, 47; pupils, 557; total, schools, 8; teachers, 67; pupils, 785; collections, Episcopal Fund, $30; Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $60; missionary and other purposes, $3,506; total, $3,596.

It is but little more than eight months since the present Rector entered upon the pastoral duties connected with this parish. He has seen much to cheer and animate him in the zeal, piety, and active benevolence of this congregation: and he feels bound to render the tribute of thanksgiving to Almighty God, who alone has the hearts of all men in his hand, for the kind manner in which his services have been received by a people, who had previously been so highly blessed by the ministrations of one "whose praise is in all the churches," and who in this parish has left the impress of his own mind upon every thing.

As far as the rector is able to judge, the indications of prosperity are now everywhere visible in all the several departments of this church. The dew of God's heavenly grace, we hope, is continuing to fall upon this portion of his vineyard. In addition to the fifty communicants added to our number within the last eight months, more than twenty will be added next Sunday, (Whitsunday) they having delayed their coming to the Lord's table till after receiving confirmation.

Report of the Rev. John B. Clemson, Rector of the Church of the Ascension, Philadelphia.

Shortly after the last Convention, I accepted of the Rectorship of the newly organized congregation of the Church of the Ascension in this city. Early in July I resigned my charge in Delaware county. I remained from that period to the beginning of January without rendering any regular ministrations, partly for the want of a proper place in which to officiate, and partly on account of a deficiency in health. On the first Sunday in January, the lecture room of my church being completed, I commenced regular religious services, which have been continued since without intermission on Sunday mornings and nights. There has also been service on Tuesday evenings.

A flourishing Sunday school has been in operation since last November, and is now prospering under an efficient superintendent, sustained by 8 male and 10 female teachers. Number of scholars in regular attendance, 120.

The attendance on the services has been always large and encouraging. The singing has been conducted by an efficient choir, and the congregation have very generally and audibly engaged in the liturgical exercises and responses.

The number of communicants is 20: all of whom but 3 have been transferred from other churches; one individual has been confirmed; baptisms have been, adults, 1; children, 10; total, 11; burials, 3; marriages 1.

I cannot close my report without bearing testimony to the zeal and energy with which the Vestry of this church have prosecuted their important undertaking, and to the very generous aid and encouragement which they have received from Christian and benevolent friends. It was intended that this church should be completed by the contributions of christian love and benevolence: and thus far it has been so reared.

It has been established with the view of supplying a deficiency, viz, that of affording a place of worship which will assist in accommodating some of the thousands of poor Episcopalians, who now cannot, either from the costliness or the scarceness of them, obtain sittings in our churches. Like our common salvation, it will be free to all, the rich and poor; but is intended more especially to subserve the wants of the latter. Thus far has the Lord graciously smiled upon this enterprise. May it continue to receive the tokens of his favor. It is expected that the church will be ready for consecration in July.

Report of the Rev. Thomas Crumpton, rector Christ Church, Meadville, Crawford county.

Baptisms, adults 3; infants 17; Total 20. Congregation, families 38; adults 105; children 83; total 188. Communicants, added 13; died or removed 5; present number 67. Public services, on Sundays 85; other days 43; total 128. Confirmed 8. Marriages 2. Burials 6. Children catechized, times 10. Sunday schools, male teachers 8; Pupils 43; female teachers 12; pupils 45. Total, schools 1; teachers, 20; pupils 88. Collections, Soc. Adv. of Christianity, $20; Missionary and other purposes, $158. Total, $178.

Besides the above number of Communicants, there are about twelve persons who occasionally commune in this church, but who reside at too great a distance to be considered a part of the congregation.

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Report of the Rev. Jacob M. Douglass, rector of the Parish of St. Matthew's church, Francisville, Philadelphia county.

Marriages 5. The Holy communion has not yet been administered.

The rector begs leave to inform the Bishop, that the church of Francisville, at the present period, presents an encouraging aspect. The labors of the rector were commenced under the most unfavourable circumstances. But God has not forgotten to be gracious, and has heard prayer in behalf of this quarter of our Zion. The church, to the Lord be all the praise and glory, is well filled in the morning of the Lord's day; but in the afternoon, owing to various causes, it is not so well attended. The Sunday school numbers from 40 to 50 children. But teachers are very much wanted. If 10 or 12 additional teachers could be prevailed on to come to the help of the Lord, 100 or 120 children might be gathered in. No collections, as yet, have been made for the various charities connected with the church and convention; but it has not been through deficiency of zeal and interest in the prosperity of our church: due attention, in time, will be paid them.

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Report of the Rev. Wm. Douglass, (a man of colour) rector, of St. Thomas' (African) Church, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults 2; infants 8; total 10. Congregation, families 80; adults 393; children 160; total 553. Communicants, added 5; died or removed 2; present number 77. Public services, on Sundays, 104; other days 7; total 111. Marriages 6; burials 21; children catechized 30; times 6;

bible classes 1; members 13. Sunday schools, male 1; teachers 10; pupils 85; female 1; teachers 12; pupils 69; total, schools 2; teachers 22; pupils 154.

In that part of our former report which related to the numerical strength of the congregation, we were obliged from circumstances then mentioned, to give a number, which we presume, was not far from the true, though it was an uncertain one. The same number is still adhered to only as it is augmented to the present, by individuals known to have since attached themselves to us. It is indeed cheering to a minister of the gospel to see his congregation increasing in numbers, but it is doubly so, when he witnesses an increased interest among the members upon the all important subject of religion. And the rector is happy in being able to say he has good reason to believe that this is the case among those of his charge, especially that most interesting portion—the young. Thus, while he reviews the past with sentiments of gratitude to the Author of all good, for having accompanied his word among us in demonstration of his spirit, he feels loudly called upon to a more unreserved devotion of himself to the glorious work of winning souls to Jesus Christ.

Besides the public services as above, there is a regular weekly lecture on Thursday evening, which is generally well attended. The Sunday school, though not in a flourishing, yet it is in a very promising condition. A bible class has been recently formed, and from the interest manifested by the members in the study of the word of God, it is reasonably hoped, as we sincerely pray, they may become "wise unto salvation" and so walk in the light of the truth that they may at length attain the everlasting life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

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Report of the Rev. Geo. C. Drake, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Bloomsburg, Columbia county, Misssionary.

Baptisms, adults 1; infants 8; total 9. Congregation, families 47. Communicants, added 8; died or removed 9; present number 70. Public services, on Sundays, 28; other days 55; total 83. Confirmed 20, one in private; total 21. Marriages 3. Burials 5. Children catechized in Sunday school; bible classes 1; members 13. Sunday schools, male 1; teachers 5; pupils 22; female 1; teachers 11; pupils 27; total, schools 2; teachers 16; pupils 49. Collections, Episcopal Fund, $3 58; Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $5 75; Missionary and other purposes, $20 41; total $29 74.

The vestry of this church, not long since, authorized sub-

scriptions to be taken for building a new edifice of brick, 45 by 55 feet. The present amount of the subscription exceeds $1700. With such aid as may be obtained beyond the limits of the congregation, we expect to be able to present to the gratification of the Episcopal community and others, in the new church building, a respectable monument of the christian enterprise and zeal, as well as liberality of the friends of the church in this section of the diocese.

In regard to our spiritual interests, it is much to be feared that the "Faithful Witness" has "somewhat against us, because we have left our first love." The attendance in the congregation is nevertheless well sustained. But it is the manner of not a few among us, to forsake the assembling of themselves together in the house of God.

Christ church, Jersey Town.

Congregation, families 16. Communicants, died or removed 3; present number 21. Public services, on Sundays 19; on other days 21; total 40. Burials 2. Bible class 1; confirmed 9. Sunday schools 1. Collections, Episcopal Fund, $1 70: Soc. Adv. $1 70; Missionary and other purposes $41 60; Total $45 00.

As a considerable number of this congregation reside in the neighborhood of New Columbia, I continue to officiate at that church. My services there, as well as at a school house alluded to in my former reports, are included in the above statement.

Christ Church, Danville.

Baptisms, infants 2; congregation families 5; communicants, added 2; total 8. Public services, on Sundays 21; other days 3; total 24. Children catechised in Sunday school, confirmed 1; Sunday school 1. Collections, Missionary and other purposes 13 dollars and 50 cents.

St Gabriel's, Sugarloaf.

Baptisms, adults 1; congregation, families 38; communicants, died 1; added 1; present number 14. Public services, on Sundays 12; other days 13; total 25. Confirmed 9. Collection, Episcopal Fund, 1 dollar and 16 cents; Soc. Adv. 1 dollar and 16 cents; missionary and other purposes 7 dollars and 50 cents.

Orangeville.

Baptisms, infants 2; burials 1. Public services 13; other days 1; total 14. Collection, missionary 4 dollars 2½ cents.

Mauch Chunk, Northampton County.

Public services, on Sundays 7. In addition to these services, I have officiated beyond my parochial and missionary limits 12 times.

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Report of the Rev. Henry W. Ducachet, M. D. Rector, St. Stephen's church, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults 16; children 71; total 87. Confirmed 65. Marriages 15. Burials 23. Communicants, added 45; died 3; removed 4; present number 180. Public services, on Sundays 110; other days 32; total 142. Bible class, members about 200; times 27. Sunday school 1; teachers 18; pupils 140. Collections, Episcopal Fund, 134 dolls. 58 cts. Soc. Adv. Christianity, 246 dolls. 47 cts.; Missionary purposes, 1100 dollars; for other objects as far as ascertained, 1060 dollars; total 2,541 dollars and 5 cents.

The rector has been very much encouraged in the course of the past year, by the pleasing evidences he has seen among his charge, and an increasing attention to religion. This has been particularly manifested among the young; and is traceable, he thinks, in a great measure, and perhaps more than to any other means employed by him, to the beneficial influence of the bible class instructions. God has signally blessed his efforts there. With this increasing interest in religion, there is also, of course, an increasing liberality. This has been shewn by the unusually large collections, and contributions which have been made for the missionary and other benevolent objects. The plan adopted by him of having divine service on all the festivals, and other special seasons appointed by the church, and of explaining on those occasions, her doctrines, institutions, rites, and other peculiarities; has been eminently successful in doing good. The temporal prosperity of the church is unexampled. The increase of the congregation has been such, as entirely to fill every part of the church, and to lead the vestry to the adoption of preparatory measures for its enlargement. In view of all these animating circumstances, he would, with renewed faithfulness and diligence, pursue his ministry, strenuously maintaining evangelical truth in strict and appropriate connexion with apostolic order.

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Report of the Rev. L. N. Freeman, Rector of Christ Church, Brownsville, Fayette county, Missionary.

Baptisms, infants 6; total 6. Congregation, families 24. Communicants, added 3; died or removed 4; present num-

ber 27. Public services, on Sundays 104; other days 60; total 164. Marriages 4; burials 1. Sunday schools, male 1; teachers 4; pupils 30; female 1; teachers 6; pupils 40; total, schools 2; teachers 10; pupils 70. Collections, Episcopal Fund, 7 dolls. 60 cts. Soc. Adv. of Christianity, 15 00 dolls. Missionary and other purposes, 125 dolls.; total 147 dolls. and 60 cents.

This parish is in a flourishing state, and the prospect of its continuing to improve is very flattering. Although the number added to the church is not so great as the rector could wish, nor the state of religious feeling such as it should be, yet there are many things to encourge him to hope that an ingathering of souls to the fold of Christ will soon be realized. Should he be disappointed in this expectation, he will still hope and pray for so desirable an object. Besides a weekly lecture on Thursday evening, there has been held on the first Monday of every month, a meeting for the purpose of disseminating missionary information, and collecting the sums contributed by the congregation on bishop Doane's plan. There have been collected in this way, during the last year 71,01 dolls. for missionary purposes. The rector has preached in different sections of the country on several occasions. He has visited and administered the Lord's supper in Trinity church, New Haven (Connelsville) four different times, and also to two sick persons, being communicants of that church.

He has also visited Geensburg, where he preached four times, and administered the communion. The rector would here observe that he intends to make efforts to resuscitate Grace church, situated half way between Brownsville and Uniontown, the charge of which, should he succeed, will be taken by the Rev. J. H. Marsden, who is now engaged in teaching a female Seminary in this village.

St. Peter's Church, Pike Run, Washington County.

This church has been thoroughly repaired since the last convention. It is now a very comfortable building. The congregation is quite large, and is increasing. There have been nine children baptised, and the communion has been administered three times since my last report. This church will be open for divine service much more frequently than it has been heretofore. The Rev. Mr. Marsden or myself, will hold service in it once in two weeks. Our efforts for the advancement of the spiritual interests of this church, will, we trust under God, cause many to be added to it of such as shall be saved. That such may be the case shall be our untiring effort and fervent prayer. Collections, convention Fund 2 dolls. 94 cents.

Report of the Rev. Frederick Freeman, Rector of St. David's Church, Manayunk, Philadelphia county.

Baptisms, infants 13; total 13. Communicants, added 3; removed 1; present number 21. Public services, on Sundays 65; other days 8; total 73. Confirmed 5. Marriages 2. Burials 14. Children catechised 43. Sunday schools, male teachers 5; pupils 74; female teachers 11; pupils 97; total, schools 1; teachers 16; pupils 171.

The rector entered upon his duties as minister of St. David's, on the 13th day of September last. The above schedule embraces only the intervening time, no record being at hand from which he may report the preceding part of the ecclesiastical year. The congregation, which at first was very small, has continued steadily to increase; and the hope is confidently indulged, notwithstanding the fluctuations to which the population of a manufacturing town is always more or less liable, and the discouragements arising therefrom, that the Episcopal congregation in this interesting and thriving village will continue to increase, and this once "little one" soon become a comparatively "great people."

The rector takes great pleasure in bearing testimony to the strong attachment to the church, and the commendable liberality of gentlemen evinced in repeated efforts greatly contributing to our present encouraging prospects. After the completion of our neat and commodious Gothic building, at an expense of nearly 7,000 dollars, about 2,000 remained unpaid. One of the vestry who had already done much for this object, proposed a few weeks since to liquidate from his own purse one half the balance, if the other half were met by others in a similar way. The proposition was readily accepted, other gentlemen of the vestry cheerfully assuming the residue of responsibility, so that the whole debt of the church is either already cancelled, or in a certain course of liquidation.

An organ of fine tone and sufficient power has recently been added to our facilities for well conducted worship.

The Sunday school, which is connected with the Diocesan Union, is flourishing, and receives the constant superintendance of the rector. A Parish library is commenced, which with the Sunday school library, it is hoped may by the divine

blessing, be productive of good. Collection for the Advancement Society, 4 dolls. 12½ cents.

The rector regrets not being able to report contributions for the several valuable purposes usually enumerated in the schedule; but thinks he may confidently say that these objects will not be neglected by the congregation of St. David's. The unusual efforts necessary in the infancy of this church for its establishment, and the short period of the rector's connexion with the congregation, must plead an apology for the present time.

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Report of the Rev. J. R. Goodman, Rector of St. John's Church, Carlisle, Cumberland county.

Baptisms, adults 1; infants 12; total 13. Congregation, total about 200. Communicants, added 6; died or removed 3, present number 70. Public services, on Sundays 92, other days 76; total 168. Marriages 2. Burials 2. Children catechised 60; times 12. Bible classes 1; members 28. Sunday schools, male teachers 11, pupils 43; female teachers 16, pupils 68; total, schools 2, teachers 27, pupils 111. Collections, Soc. Adv. of Christianity 10 00 dolls.; Missionary and other purposes, 70 dolls. and 60 cts.; total 80 dolls. and 60 cents.

The report to be made by the rector does not vary in essentials, as it respects the state of the church, from the one rendered at the last Convention. A larger amount than that paid over to the Treasurer of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society has been subscribed, and the balance is in the progress of collection. The contribution to the Episcopal Fund will be made in all next month.

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Report of the Rev. Richard D. Hall, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Chester, and St. Martin's Church, Marcus Hook, Delaware County.

Baptisms, adults 1; infants 30, total 31. Communicants, died 1, added 4, removed 1, left the church 1; total 34. Marriages 7. Burials 9. Congregation, families about 32, adults, about 40, children, about 60; total 100. Sunday schools 1, 10 teachers, about 60 pupils. Collections, for Society of Advancement of Christianity, 10 00 dolls.; Convention Fund, 5 00 dolls. Public services, on Sundays, for 10 months 90, other days 13, total 103. Bible class 1.

This congregation continues to improve. The number attending on public worship has greatly increased since the rector assumed the charge in July last. More pews could be

rented were there sufficient to satisfy the demand. In consequence of the debt contracted, and the limited means of the parish for defraying it, for the improvement of the edifice, the collections for the different Institutions of the church have not been made, except for the Society for the advancement of christianity. The children are regularly catechised in the Sunday school.

St. Martin's Church, Marcus Hook.

Baptisms, adults 2. Communicants, added 2, died 1, total 54. Burials 4. Families, about 40. Sunday schools 1. teachers 10, pupils 40. Public services, on Sundays, about 60, on other days about 12.

In consequence of the pressure on the parish for various parochial purposes, the heaviest of which is the enlargement and repair of the church edifice, collections have only been made for the Convention Fund of the prescribed amount 5 dollars.

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Report of the Rev. William Hilton, Rector of Christ Church, Allegheny Town, Allegheny County, Missionary.

Baptisms, infants 24: total 24. Communicants, added 19, died or removed 3, present number 55. Public services on Sundays, 65: other days, 57: total 122. Marriages 4. Burials 7. Children catechized 36; times 12. Bible classes 1; members 15. Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 4, pupils 28: female 1, teachers 7, pupils 40: total, schools 2, teachers 11, pupils 68. Collections, Soc. Adv. of Christianity 7 dolls. 66 cts., Missionary and other purposes 39 dolls. 75 cts. total 47 dolls. 41 cents.

Since my last report up to the beginning of January, the half of my labours were devoted to the interest of this parish. Since January I have laboured here the whole of my time.

In regard to the spiritual interests of this congregation, though to human view, no great change has taken place during the past year, yet, I trust the work of religion "pure and undefiled" has been steadily on the increase.

In reference to temporal matters, this congregation has still to contend with many difficulties, the chief of which is the want of a suitable edifice. Their present house is by no means a comfortable one, and is now entirely too small for the accommodation of those who wish to attend our services. The vestry have it in contemplation, in a short time, to enlarge their church, to accomplish which they have been compelled, though reluctantly, to offer for sale a part of their lot, which is by no means too large for the erection of such a

church as the Episcopal population of the place in a few years will require. But they have no other alternative.

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Report of the Rev. Marmaduke Hirst, Rector of St. John's church, in Concord, Delaware County, Missionary.

Baptisms. infants 1; total 1; congregation families, 14; adults 50; children 50; total 100. Communicants, added 2; died or removed 10; present number 38. Public Services. On Sundays 52; other days 10; total 62. Marriages 1; burials 2. Collections, Episcopal Fund $5; Soc. Adv. of Christianity $5; total $10.

The rector entered upon the duties of this parish in July last, it was formerly connected with St. Paul's Chester; and St. Martin's, Marcus Hook, under the charge of the Rev. John B. Clemson. This church has been somewhat diminished by removals and the formation of new congregations in the neighbourhood. It is however apparently progressing in piety. The interest taken in our services, continues to increase, and our prospects are encouraging. The families composing this congregation, reside at a considerable distance, from the church, which renders it impossible to collect the children together to receive any stated instruction which necessarily makes the filling up of the above report imperfect.

In addition to my labours at Concord I preach statedly at Rockdale, an important manufacturing village, with a population of 1500 persons, and destitute of a building for divine worship belonging to any denomination. We worship in the upper room of a factory, but efforts are making to obtain means to build a church, the subscriptions already received amount to about $650, it is intended to commence the building this summer. The Sunday School when in full operation numbers 160 children. There are at present seven regular teachers and we are promised the assistance of several others who have lately come into the neighbourhood. Several hundred tracts, 100 prayer books, and a number of bibles and testaments have been distributed among the children. The prayer book is much sought after and highly prized by the children, and we have reason to believe is acceptable to many of their parents also.

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Report of the Rev. Wm. Hommann, Missionary in the service of the "Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania," in Farrensville, Lycoming County.

Baptisms, infants 14; total 14. Congregation, families 40: Communicants, removed 3; present number 15. Public Services, on Sundays 52; other days 18; total 70. Burials 1. Children catechized 35; times 26. Bible Classes 1; members 8. Sunday Schools 1; teachers 9; pupils 65.

The above report embraces a period of little more than six months. The missionary entered upon the discharge of his duties on the 25th of October, 1835; and has officiated since that time twice every Sunday, with the exception of one Sunday, on which he was necessarily absent. There had never been any Episcopalian services in this place previous to the arrival of the missionary. Besides the regular services on the Lord's day, there is likewise a weekly service which is conducted upon the plan of a general bible class. A monthly missionary meeting is held on the first Monday evening of every month. The missionary has extended his labours to other places as far as he was able. He has attended a weekly lecture in a distant part of the neighbourhood, the situation of which as well as that of the families prevent their attendance on the sabbath services. The missionary meets the teachers of the Sunday school for prayer and consultation, on the 2d Monday evening of every month. Owing to the kindness of a friend of the Redeemer in Norwich, Connecticut, and also of the Juvenile Missionary Society, of St. James' church, Philadelphia, our school No. 1, has been furnished with a Library, and many other books of instruction. There is a very fair prospect of a convenient church edifice being erected during the ensuing summer.

We trust by the divine blessing that the time may soon arrive, when it shall be filled with precious souls earnestly inquiring what they must do to be saved.

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Report of the Rev. Cyrus H. Jacobs, late Rector of St. Paul's Church, West Whiteland, Chester County.

On the 1st January of the last year, I resigned the rectorship of St. Paul's church.

The following parochial duties were performed by me since the last Convention up to that period.

Baptisms, infants 1. Marriages 2. Burials 1. Communicants, removed 1, died 1, whole number 43. Collections, Convention Fund 5 dolls. 84 cents: other purposes 19 dolls. 14 cents: whole amount 23 dolls. 56 cents.

St. Andrew's church, West Vincent, Chester co.

On the 14th February, 1836, the pastoral connection between myself and this congregation was dissolved.

The following parochial duties were performed by me since the last convention, up to that time.

Baptisms, adults, 3: infants 4: marriages 4. Communicants, added, number not recollected: whole number supposed to be 67, not having the record by me. I cannot state particulars in regard to communicants. Collections, Convention Fund 10 dolls. 40 cents: other purposes 27 dolls. 15 cents: whole amount 37 dolls. 55 cts.

The former rector indulges the hope, that this interesting and highly favoured flock will continue to enjoy the divine favour. Circumstances, that it is unnecessary to mention, have called him to engage in another field of labour, and however much he regrets the separation, yet he is truly grateful to the great Shepherd for making him instrumental in raising up a congregation, which is now under such prosperous circumstances, committed to the pastoral care of his worthy successor.

On the 1st of March, 1836, I entered upon an agency for Bristol College, in the duties of which I am now engaged.

I have married 1 couple since the 1st of March, and preached several discourses.

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Report of Rev. B. B. Killikelly, Missionary, Rector of the Parish of St. Peter's Church, Butler, Butler county.

Baptisms, infants 9, total 9. Congregation, families 30, adults 72, children 59: total 131. Communicants, added 9, died or removed 6, present number 45. Public services, on Sundays 31: other days 4: total 35. Confirmed 4. Marriage 1. Children catechized 6: times 6. Bible Classes 1, members 20. Sunday schools 1, male teachers 4, pupils 13: female teachers 2, pupils 10, total, schools 1, teachers 6, pupils 23. Collections, total 195 dolls. 36 cents.

St. Paul's church, Kittaning, Armstrong co.

Baptisms, adults 1, infants 17, total 18. Congregation, families 35: adults 92, children 78, total 170. Communicants, added 5, died or removed 9, present number 24. Public services, on Sundays 37, other days 13, total 50. Confirmed 10. Marriages 6. Burials 5. Children catechized 20, times 8. Sunday schools 1, male teachers 3, pupils 21: female teachers 4, pupils 29: total, schools 1, teachers 7, pupils 50. Collections, Missionary and other purposes, 266 dollars.

St. Michael's church, Wayne Township, Armstrong co.

Baptisms, infants 6, total 6. Congregation, families 16, adults 55, children 36, total 91. Communicants, added 10, present number 10. Public services, on Sundays 0, other days 5. Confirmed 8.

Trinity church, Freeport, Armstrong co.

Baptisms, adults 6, infants 19, total 25. Congregation, families 19, adults 46, children 36, total 82. Communicants, added 15, present number 27. Public services, on Sundays 22, other days 13, total 35. Confirmed 14. Marriages 2. Burials 2. Sunday schools 1, male teachers 6, pupils 19: female teachers 2, pupils 21: total schools 1, teachers 8, pupils 40. Collections, Society for the advancement of christianity, 4,00 dollars: total 52 dolls. 45 cents.

The foregoing reports exhibit some little improvement in the state of my parishes, as compared with the returns made last year. The congregation of St. Paul's, Kittanning, has been somewhat diminished in consequence of a few families, heretofore reported of that congregation, having attached themselves to the new parish of St. Michael's, in Wayne township, Armstrong county, which is more immediately in their neighborhood. This new parish of St. Michael, consisting of sixteen families, was organized on the 7th of January last. My present arrangement for preaching there is every fourth Thursday, at the house of one of the wardens, about thirteen miles from Kittaning. The room appropriated to the meeting is, however, only capable of containing one third of the congregation.

The parishes of St. Peter's, Butler, and St. Paul's, Kittanning, are still encumbered with debt, and have been obliged to make alterations and repairs to their churches. Thus situated, they have not yet been able to respond to the various calls of our church at large. Collections, however, have been made in these parishes, as well as in Freeport for the convention fund.

The congregation at Freeport have raised 800 dollars towards building a church. This is the utmost they can do, and out of this they are bound to pay 225 dollars for a lot of ground. They are not, however, discouraged, but look to the Lord, to open the hearts of their affluent brethren to aid them in their pious design. Lay-reading, and the Sunday school have been zealously sustained, and also a Sewing Society. This flock endeavor to hold up the hands of their pastor as much as they can—and he is truly happy to record the fact.

During the year I have made missionary tours in various directions in the counties of Armstrong and Butler, and the result of one of them was the formation of the new parish of St. Michael. In Redbank township, I preached once, married one couple, and baptized six children, (these are not included in my reports.) There is great encouragement for planting the church in this township, but my present engagements fully occupy my time. In Buffalo township, I have preached at intervals, four times, and I intend to visit this settlement once in five weeks.

In Butler county, I preached once in Harrisville. The flock gathered in this place by the Rev. Mr. Hilton, not having a shepherd of their own, have wandered into strange folds, and could hardly be brought together again. In Middlesex township, I have preached three times. In the churches of Allegheny county seven times. The Rev. Drs. Upfold and Lacey, and the Rev. Mr. Hilton have administered the communion and preached at various times in St. Peter's, St. Paul's and Trinity. Their valuable aid, as well as the services held during the late visit of the Right Rev. the Assistant Bishop of the diocese, are included in my list of "public services" in the respective parishes.

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Report of the Rev. George Kirke, Rector of St. John's, New London, Chester County, Missionary.

Baptisms, infants, 8; total, 8; Congregation, families, 31; Died or removed, 4; present number, 40. Public services, on Sundays, 53; other days, 42; total, 95. Confirmed, 5; marriages, 4; burials, 1. Children catechised, 17; times, 25. Bible classes, 1; members, 4. Sunday Schools, 1; male and female teachers, 7; pupils, 39. Collections, Episcopal Fund, $1 98½; Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $7 05½; other purposes, $8 83; total, $17 87.

St. James' church, West Marlborough.

Baptisms, infants, 5. Communicants, 1. Services on Sundays, 27; other days, 1; total, 28.

The furnisher of this report has also during the past year preached on Sundays. at Glenville, 19 times; and near Doe Run Factories, 4; and a considerable number of times, on other days, at various places. He has also baptized 2 children at Glenville, and buried one, in a grave yard belonging to the Methodists.

Report of the Rev. W. B. Lacey, D. D. Rector of St. Paul's Church, Laceyville, Allegheny County.

I have performed divine service, nearly every Sunday, during the past year, either in my own house, or in the neighborhood; and have a reasonable prospect of witnessing in the course of a few months, the completion of a handsome church edifice, in which I intend to perform public worship for the benefit of my poorer neighbours, who have hitherto, in a great measure, neglected the ordinances of the church.

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Report of the Rev. Freeman Lane, Minister of St. Andrew's, Springville, Susquehanna County, Missionary.

Baptisms, adults, 1; infants, 5; total 6. Congregation, Families, 35; adults, 106; children, 51; total, 157. Communicants, added, 2; died or removed, 5; present number, 35. Public service, on Sundays, 52; other days, 2; total, 54. Marriages, 4. Burials, 3. Sunday Schools, male teachers, 3; pupils, 14; female teachers, 6; pupils, 26; total, schools, 1; teachers, 9; pupils, 40. Collections, Missionary and other purposes, $5; total, $5.

On every other Sunday since the 15th of December last, I have regularly given two services—on Good Friday two, and hope hereafter to give the third or weekly service. A catechetical and bible class, it is apprehended, will be formed soon.

It gives me great pleasure to say that during the short period of my connexion with this church the average attendance on public worship has been uniformly increasing, and the work of the Lord is prospering among us.

The zeal and untired effort of the Ladies' Society of Industry, formed within three months last past, and consisting of twenty-five members, promises much for the pecuniary aid of this church, the prospects of which are, at present, somewhat flattering.

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Report of Samuel Tiffany Lord, Missionary in Bradford County.

Christ Church, Athens.

Baptisms, children, 1. Communicants, added, 1; died, 2; removed, 2; present number, 9. Public services, on Sundays, 4; other days, 2; total, 11. Confirmed, 3. Burials, 1.

St. Matthew's Church, Pike.

Baptisms, adults, 2; children, 8; total, 10. Communicants, added, 4; present number, 18. Burials, 1. Public services, on Sundays, 39; other days, 5; total, 44. Collections, Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $2.

Christ Church, Towanda.

Baptisms, adults, 2. Confirmed, 3. Communicants, added, 4; died, 1; present number, 4. Public services, on Sundays, 27; other days, 9; total, 36. Marriages, 3. Burials, 1. Children catechised in the Sunday School. Collections, Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $2 76; Convention Fund, $1 33; total, $4 09.

Columbia and Troy

Baptisms, adults, 1. Communicants, died, 1; removed, 1; present number, 5. Public services, on Sundays, 56; other days, 4; total, 60. Collections, Convention Fund, 81 1-2 cts. Burials, 1.

Taking all together there have been, Baptisms, adults, 5; children, 9; total, 14. Confirmed, 6. Communicants, added, 9; died, 4; removed, 3; present number, 36. Public services, on Sundays, 126; other days, 25; total, 151. Marriages, 3. Burials, 4. Collections, Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $4 76; Convention Fund, $2 14 1-2 cts.; Episcopal Fund, 50 cts., from Athens, total, $7 40 1-2 cts.

The Holy Communion has been administered, in Athens once in public and once in private; in Pike, twice; in Towanda, twice; in Columbia, twice; and in Troy, once, making 8 times in public and once in private.

When I last reported, my time was given equally to Athens, Pike, Towanda, and Colombia. On the first of July this arrangement was changed so as to give one half of my time to Pike, and the remainder equally to Towanda and Columbia. By the consent and advice of Bishop Onderdonk, I resigned my charge of Pike on the last of December, since which time Troy has received one half of my time and Towanda and Columbia the remainder, as before. At the same time Pike united with Springville in Susquehanna county, and engaged the services of the Rev. Mr. Lane, who divides his time equally between those places, giving one half to each; and will report for Pike during the last four months. By this arrangement we secured the services of another clergyman in the two counties of Bradford and Susquehanna, and I trust the cause of Christ and his Church and the good of souls will be advanced.

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Report of the Rev. S. Marks, Rector of Trinity and St. John's churches, in Carbondale and Dundaff, Luzerne and Susquehanna counties.

Baptisms, infants, 5; congregation, adults, 225; communicants, added, 1; died or removed, 1; present number, 19; public services, 154; marriages 3; burials, 5; bible classes 1; members 10; Sunday schools, male, 2; teachers, 12; female, 14 teachers; total schools, 2; teachers, 26; pupils, 127; collections, missionary and other purposes, $17.

I have preached at Mount Pleasant, three times, to good congregations; this would be a fair missionary field. Also at Canaan a number of times, which I also commend to the attention of the Missionary Society. A sewing society has been formed in Carbondale, under auspicious circumstances, for the trimming of the pulpit and chancel of a contemplated church.

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Report of the Rev. James May, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Wilksbarre, Luzerne county.

Baptisms, adults, 1; infants, 10; total, 11; communicants, added, 8; died or removed, 1; present number, 43; public services, on Sundays, 104; other days, 52; total, 156; children catechised, 30; times, weekly; bible classes, 1; members 10; Sunday school teachers, 12; pupils, 70; collections, Episcopal Fund, $6; Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $4,55; Missionary and other purposes, $70; total, $80,55.

Besides the regular services twice each Sunday in the church, the Rector preaches each Sunday also in several school houses in the vicinity of the borough, with encouraging prospects. The services without the borough are 78 stated besides others occasional. The congregation in town is composed principally of young persons, many being young heads of families. Perhaps the church was never more firmly rooted in this place than at present. During the past year the Lord has been gracious to us and we trust we have grown in strength.

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Report of the Rev. R. U. Morgan, Rector of Christ Church, Reading, Berks county.

Baptisms, 5 infants; congregation, families, 33; adults, 90; children, 66; total, 156; communicants, added 8; died 1; removed 10; present number, 45; public services, on Sundays, 104; other days, 86; total, 190; confirmed 7; marriages, 12: children catechised, 53: times, 8; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers 10; pupils, 60; female 1; teachers 12; pupils, 66; total schools, 2; teachers, 22; pupils, 126; collections, Episcopal Fund, $10,25; Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $11,30; Missionary and other purposes, $200; total $221,55.

The bible class is conducted upon the plan mentioned in the last report, and is open to all who wish to attend.

The first Monday evening of each month, a missionary meeting is held in the church, for the purpose of disseminating missionary intelligence, and praying for the success of the cause. Collections are taken up on these occasions, which during the year have amounted to about $50.

The Parish Missionary and Tract Societies, continue their operations. The former has contributed this year about $30 to the Board of Missions, and the latter has circulated about ten thousand pages of tracts.

The Sunday school is in a prosperous condition. It may be regarded as the nursery of the church, and upon it in a great measure our hopes depend for the increase of our Zion. A particular report of its plans and operations, has been presented to the Diocesan Sunday school society, and therefore will not be reported here.

The ladies' sewing society continue their faithful labours, by which they afford important aid to the church.

The little girls, associated to sew for missionary purposes, mentioned in the last report, are making exertions to raise by their own industry, a sum sufficient to entitle them to name an Indian child, for admission into the Green Bay establishment.

The congregation is increasing, and several pews have recently been rented.

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Report of the Rev. J. L. Linn McKim, minister of "Dyberry Parish" Wayne county.

Baptisms, adults 1; infants 1; total 2. Congregation, families 30, adults 70, children 38; total 108. Communicants, added 2; died or removed 2; present number 19. Public services, on Sundays 30; other days 16; total 46. Marriage 1. Burials 1. Bible class 1, members 20. Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 3, pupils 12; female 1, teachers 4, pupils 17; total, schools 2, teachers 7, pupils 29. Collections, Soc. Adv. of Christianity, $21; Missionary and other purposes, $8 34 cents; total $29 34 cents.

The public services reported above are reckoned from the 23d of January, at which time I commenced my ministry in this parish.

In Grace church, Honesdale, a Sunday school was organized last autumn: but it has been thinly attended during the winter, on account of the severity of the weather. It, however, begins again to increase.

In Bethany, where we have a few members, and where I officiate on the morning of every other Sabbath, there is an

interesting, attentive and growing congregation. Our friends here have not as yet been able to erect a church edifice, but they hope to raise next year sufficient funds for that purpose.

On the whole the condition of the parish is encouraging.

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Report of the Rev. Samuel A. McCoskry, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults, 17; infants 43; total 60: congregation, families, about 480; total, 480. Communicants, added, 68; died or removed, 19; present number, 449. Public services, on Sundays 104, other days, 114, total 218; confirmed 32; marriages, 19. Children catechized, about 350; times, 10. Bible class 1, members 80 to 100. Sunday schools, male 2, teachers 18, pupils, 207; female, 1; teachers, 23, pupils, 256; total, schools 3, teachers 41, pupils 480. Collections, Missionary and other purposes from 1000 to 1500 dollars.

In presenting his report, the rector renders thanks to Almighty God for the peace and harmony which have prevailed among the members of his charge during the past year. Nothing has occurred calculated to interrupt the progress of the gospel, or prevent the influences of the spirit of God in the hearts of his people. He therefore humbly trusts that many of God's children have been built up in the faith of the gospel, and many wandering sinners reclaimed from the error of their ways. During the winter between eighty and one hundred ladies regularly assembled once in each week to receive instruction in the word of God. This exercise the rector found both a pleasure and profit, and hopes that it was equally so to the members of the class. The attention that was given to the exercise, and the regularity of the attendance, warrant such a conclusion. The Sunday schools have been well attended. The teachers in both departments manifesting their usual zeal and interest for the spiritual welfare of the children under their charge. And as an evidence that their labour has not been in vain, some who are now scholars in the schools, have been admitted to all the privileges of church-membership; and from evidence furnished before and since, have given proof that they were converted to God. The "Ladies Missionary Society" has done much during the year. Indeed it is almost impossible to speak of their unwearied labours in terms of too great commendation. Would that the spirit with which they have conducted their operations was more general, the command of our blessed Saviour would soon be obeyed. The rector has adopted in some degree the plan recommended by the "apostle Paul" of

systematic charity. So far it promises to be effectual. Owing to this change the contribution to benevolent objects, have not been so large as heretofore: but it is hoped that in a short time that they will be equal, if not increased. By this account no appropriations have been made to the Episcopal Fund, or to the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania: they will be attended to as soon as possible. In accordance with a resolution adopted at the last meeting of the convention, a collection was made to meet the expenses of the clergy attending the Convention. So far as is recollected, the rector believes he has complied with all the requisitions of the convention, and in looking back upon the year that is past, he cannot but again express his gratitude to God for his many favors: at the same time, he trusts, feeling the necessity for more humility, more devotedness, and greater diligence in performing the great work of bringing souls to Jesus Christ.

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Report of the Rev. Wm. Cooper Mead, D. D., Rector of Trinity Church, Southwark, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults 3, infants 4, total 44. Congregation, families 150, adults 450, children 300: total 750. Communicants added 9, died or removed 3, present number 220. Public services, on Sundays 110, other days 70, total 180. Marriages 12. Burials 19. Children catechized 90: times 9. Bible class 1: members 100. Sunday schools, male 2, teachers 12, pupils 188: female 3, teachers 26, pupils 215, total, schools 5, teachers 38, pupils 403. Collections, Missionary and other purposes, about 700 dollars.

The collections for benevolent objects are generally made through the medium of a Parish Association, which has increased in usefulness during the past year. Among other objects aided, have been the following:—Gen. Theo. Seminary 25 dollars: Bishop White's Prayer Book Society 65 dollars: Philadelphia Bible Society 20 dollars: in aid of Sunday schools, 116 dollars: P. E. S. S. Union 15: Adv. Soc. 40: Tract Society 15: D. and Foreign Missionary Society, for Foreign Missions, 60 dollars.

The rector has officiated elsewhere during the year forty-five times.

The Parish and Sunday school libraries have been largely increased during the year.

The Bible class was conducted by a lecture on the gospel for the succeeding Sunday, delivered on the previous Tuesday evening.

The Sunday schools continue to flourish, and the rector feels a pleasure in commending the faithfulness of the teachers.

Extra services were conducted during Lent, and were well attended.

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Report of the Rev. Geo. Mintzer, rector of St. Andrew's Church, West Vincent, and St. Marks, Honeybrook, Chester County.

Having so recently entered upon my duties in this portion of the Lord's vineyard, I have little of importance to communicate. I commenced my labors here on the first of April last: since that time I have performed divine service, and preached four times, administered the holy communion, and attended two funerals. The number of communicants belonging to this church, as near as can be ascertained, are about 60. The Sunday school which was discontinued during the winter, has just commenced its operations with 90 pupils and 10 teachers. It is truly pleasing to witness the devotion of this congregation during the performance of divine worship, in hearing almost every voice joining in the responses, and every knee bent before God at the time of prayer. They have been thus trained by their late rector, the Rev. Cyrus H. Jacobs, the instrument in the hand of God in forming the congregation.

St. Marks, Honeybrook.

This is a newly organized congregation, not yet received in connection with the convention, but will make application this session. The building erected, is quite handsome and commodious, has a fine basement story, and is situated in one of the most pleasant parts of Chester county. It is expected it will be consecrated to the service of Almighty God during the summer. I have performed divine service and preached three times on the Lord's day: The prospects here are exceedingly encouraging.

St. Gabriel's church, Morlattin, Berks county.

It was with deep regret that I resigned the pastoral connection of this church, on the 1st of April last, after being the rector for eight years. The parochial duties performed since my last report, are as follows: Baptisms, infants 17. Funerals 7. Marriages 10. There is a flourishing Sunday school connected with this church, containing 50 pupils, under the care of one superintendent and six teachers. Collection for the Society for the advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania 19 dollars 28 cents.

Christ church, Pottstown, Montgomery county.

Communicants, added 1. Baptisms, infants 1. Burials 2. Marriages 2. There is an interesting Sunday school belonging to this church, numbering about 90 children, and 16 teachers.

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Report of the Rev. W. S. Perkins, officiating in St. James' Church, Bristol, Bucks county.

Baptisms, adults 3, infants 7, total 10. Congregation, families 60. Communicants, added 5, died or removed 4, present number 42. Confirmed 13. Marriages 7. Burials 8. Bible class 1. Sunday schools, male 2: female 1, pupils 180, total, schools 3, pupils 180. Collections, missionary and other purposes 165 dollars.

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Report of the Rev. Robert Piggot, rector of All Souls' Church, Philadelphia, Missionary.

Baptisms, infants 8. Marriages 4. Burials 1. Public worship regularly held on Sundays, morning and evening, and on Tuesday evenings. Sunday school services, morning and afternoon. No general collections made on account of adverse circumstances. As missionary of Hamilton village, the rector holds regular afternoon services at St. Mary's church, in said village, on Sundays. A Sunday school has been formed auxiliary to the Diocesan Sunday School Union, which promises well. Services are regularly held in Mantua village on Thursday evenings, which are well attended. There is here also, a Sunday school kept by several members of the church, without the organization of any Society for the purpose.

Baptisms, children 4.

The property of St. Mary's has been transferred to the vestry by the trustees of Hamilton, and is wholly clear of debt: but as considerable expenses are contemplated by the vestry, for indispensable purposes, the Missionary has felt himself obliged to dispense, for the present, with the usual collections.

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Report of the Rev. Wm. Henry Rees, Rector of St. David's Church, Newtown, Delaware County.

Baptisms, adults, 6; infants, 3; total, 9. Communicants, added, 8; died or removed, 2; present number, 60. Public services, on Sundays, 41; other days, 7; total, 48. Confirmed, 18. Marriages, 9. Burials, 14. Sunday Schools, male teachers, 2; pupils, 11; female teachers, 4; pupils, 26; total

schools, 1; teachers, 6; pupils, 37. Collections, Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $21 94 1-2 cts.; Missionary and other purposes, $46 87 cts.; total, $68 81 1-2 cts.

Since my pastoral connexion with this parish, which has existed but little more than two years, I have been very much encouraged. The number of communicants has been more than doubled, aud a deeper and growing interest in the church, and her institutions, is manifested. Owing to the separation of St. Peter's, in the Great Valley, from this church, the congregation have, with very laudable zeal, made such arrangements for the support of the Rector, that his entire services are secured to them.

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Report of the Rev. Wm. Henry Rees, late Rector nf St. Peter's Church, Great Valley, Chester County.

Baptisms, adults, 1; infants, 2; total, 3. Communicants, added, 2; present number, 25. Public services, on Sundays, 35; other days, 4; total, 49. Collections, Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $5 67; Missionary and other purposes. $6 16.

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Report of J. Reynolds, rector of St. John's and St. James' Churches, in Norristown and Perkiomen, Montgomery county.

St. John's Church.

Baptisms, adults 2; infants 8; total 60. Congregation, families 40 ; adults 100 ; children 150 ; total 250. Communicants, added 2; died or removed 2; present number 40. Public services, on Sundays 50 ; other days 10; total 60. Confirmed 8. Burials 3. Children catechized 20; times 10. Sunday schools male 1; pupils 39; female teachers 11 ; pupils 44 ; total, schools, 1; teachers 11, pupils 83. Collections, Episcopal Fund $7 10 ; Missionary and other purposes, $100; total 107 10.

St. James' Church.

Baptisms, adults 2; infants 7; total 90. Congregation, families 40; adults 100; children 200; total 300. Communicants, added 10; died or removed 4; present number 60. Public services, on Sundays, 75 ; other days, 55; total 130. Confirmed 31. Marriages 6. Burials 6. Bible class 1; members 50. Sunday schools, male 1; teachers 1; pupils 40 ; female, teachers 6; pupils 50; total, schools 1; teachers 7; pupils 90. Collections, Episcopal fund, $746; Missionary and other purposes 100; total 107 46.

These congregations are much in the same situation as per

last Report. The attendance at St. John's Church, has considerably increased, and gives encouraging hopes of further improvement. The establishment of a monthly lecture to the Sunday school teachers, promises to be attended with considerable advantage. The congregation at St. James' has been slightly effected by the establishment of a methodist society, in its immediate neighhourhood, by which a few members have been drawn away, and though they might have been retained by the sacrifice (or at least compromise) of the principles and practice of our church, it was thought preferable to dispense with their adhesion, than to weaken the discipline of our communion. The Sunday schools in both churches are flourishing.

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Report of Rev. John Rodney, jr. rector of St. Luke's Church, Germantown, Philadelphia county.

Baptisms, adults 5; infants 5; total 10. Congregation, families, 45; adults and children 200. Communicants, added 8; died or removed 6; present number, 38. Public services, on Sundays 104; other days 4; total 108. Confirmed 2. Married 3. Burials 10. Children catechized 40; times 4; Sunday schools, female 1; teachers 10; pupils 60; total 60. Collections for various purposes, about $180.

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Report of the Rev. J. M. Rogers, rector of Trinity church, Easton, Northampton county, Missionary.

Baptisms, adults 4; infants 16; total 20. Congregation, families 35; adults 150: children 60; total 210. Communicants, added 8; died or removed 10; present number 81. Public services, on Sundays, 96; other days 23; total 119. Marriages 7. Burials 11. Children catechised 30; times 25. Sunday Schools, male 1; teachers 4; pupils 20; female 1; teachers 5; pupils 30; total, schools 2; teachers 9; pupils 50. Collections, Society for the advancement of Christianity $15; Missionary and other puposes 180; total 195.

During the past year, I have spent four Sundays at Mauch Chunk, preached twice each Sunday, and one Sunday held a third service at Nesquehoning, or the new mines, where I found a large number of devout Episcopalians from England and Wales, who appeared to be much gratified to hear the Episcopal service, and to be visited by an Episcopal Clergyman; as it was the first opportunity they had to unite in our service since they left their native land.

Report of the Rev. George Sheets, rector of Trinity Church, in Oxford Township, Philadelphia county.

Baptisms, infants 8. Communicants, died or removed 2; present number 30. Public services, on Sundays 104; other days, not enumerated. Confirmed 11. Marriages 6. Burials 24. Children catechized, times 4. Sunday schools, female 4; teachers 10; pupils 150. Collections, Episcopal Fund $6 91; Society for the Advancement of Christianity $72 12; Convention Fund $5 93; Parish Library $11 27; total 96 23.

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Report of the Rev. Isaac Smith, rector of St. James' Church, Muncy, Lycoming county, Missionary.

Baptisms, adults 3; infants 2; total 5. Congregation, families 45. Communicants, added 6; died or removed 5; present number 50. Public services, on Sundays 48. Confirmed 20. Marriages 3. Burials 3. Bible classes 1; members 14. Sunday schools, male teachers 8; pupils 64; female teachers 4; pupils 31; total, schools 1; teachers 8; pupils 64. Collections, Society for the Advancement of Christianity $10; Missionary and other purposes $309; total 318.

Of the three hundred and nine dollars for missionary purposes, three hundred have been applied towards paying the debt of the church. Of the debt of the church still unpaid, there is still about six hundred dollars,

As to the prospects at Muncy, I have much reason to feel encouraged, and to bless God for his goodness.

I still devote one fourth of my time to Sunbury. During summer and autumn, once in two weeks one sermon; during winter two sermons once in four weeks.

The church is still unfinished; it is delayed by want of funds to proceed. Twenty dollars for domestic and foreign missionary society. There has been one confirmed. Congregation continues about as usual.

The prospects of Christ's church Milton, are more favorable than last year. I have baptized six children, and administered the communion once during the summer and autumn; I preached there once in two weeks, and on the afternoon of the same day, I preached at Sunbury; in the winter season once in four weeks. There is some hopes that they will commence building a church soon.

The congregation of St. Mark's church, Hughsville, I think continues much as usual. I have baptized one child there: I think there is more seriousness and better attendance, than

last year. On the whole, I bless God for all his goodness, and am disposed to labour with renewed diligence and courage.

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Report of the Rev. William Suddards, Rector of Grace Church, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults, 8; infants, 39; total, 47; congregation, families, 190; adults, 430; children, 400; total, 830; communicants, added, 64; died or removed, 4; present number, 128; public services, on Sundays, 104; other days, 130; total 234; confirmed, 22: marriages, 14; burials, 4; children catechised, the entire school about Easter; bible classes, 4; members, 70; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 14; pupils, 89; female 1; teachers, 15; pupils, 134; total, schools, 2; teachers, 29; pupils, 223; collections, Episcopal Fund, $25; Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $100; missionary and other purposes, $3518; total, $3643.

It is with great pleasure that the Rector of this church has to report a growing interest in his congregation to the great subject of personal religion. The steady increase in the number of our communicants, the regular and devout attendance of a large congregation upon the public services of the sanctuary, and the conversion of souls to the faith and obedience of Christ, is a gracious pledge and visible sign that God is with us, giving testimony to the word of his grace.

It is no small cause of joy that we have among us all the needful institutions of christianity for a growth in christian holiness and for conveying the light and influence of religion to others which we are well assured constitutes not a circumstance, but the very essence of our faith.

The zeal manifested by nearly all the members of this church for the promotion of the best interests of our fellow men both at home and abroad, affords evidence of the operation of religious principles in their own hearts, and the readiness with which they respond to the claims of moral desolation, by liberal contributions when properly called upon, shows their desire for others to possess the services of our church with all its primitive order and usage, so well adapted for the cultivation of a sober piety, the promotion of practical and experimental religion.

During the past year, our schools and bible classes have been more than doubled, and our communicants have increased in nearly the same ratio. We have two societies for the promotion of christianity. The male society has raised during the year upwards of $1400, the female society upwards of $600. The ladies have recently formed themselves into a

"circle of industry," agreeing to meet once a week as a sewing society, the funds from which will increase their means of doing good. We have had distributed through the congregation during the year about 50 missionary boxes, principally in charge of children, which have yielded more than $200, while the children in our schools, by cent contributions have placed several dollars in the hands of the committee for promoting christianity.

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Report of the Rev. Nathan Stem, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, in Harrisburg, Dauphin county.

Baptisms, infants, 6; congregations, families, 50; communicants, added 2; died or removed, 7; present number, 49; public services, on Sundays, 99; other days, 50; total, 149; marriages, 4; burials, 10; bible classes, 1; members, 25; Sunday schools, 1; teachers, 12; pupils, 60; collections, Episcopal Fund, $7; Missionary and other purposes, $100; total, $107.

In addition to the above statistics, the Rector would simply remark, that there have been a considerable number of accessions to the list of pew-holders during the past year—and that the plan of holding a missionary lecture monthly has been adopted with good promise of success. In other respects, nothing of particular interest has occurred in the congregation since the last report.

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Report of the Rev. John V. E. Thorn, Rector of ChristChurch, Huntingdon, Adams county.

Baptisms, infants, 5; total, 5; congregation, families, 21; communicants, 23; Sunday schools 2; male, 1; teachers, 3; pupils, 33; female 1; teachers, 4; pupils, 32; total schools, 2; teachers 9; pupils 65; collection in aid of the Convention fund, $5.

In consequence of a temporary removal from Carlisle a few years since, I then resigned the rectorship of this church in behalf of the Rev. Mr. Marsden, of which I again resumed the charge in the month of September last. The congregation is small, and has suffered considerable diminution by removals, but more particularly from the unfavourable location of the church edifice, which, being one of our most ancient Episcopal churches (having been built prior to the revolution) was situate in the country, in a very sparse population, and at an inconvenient distance from the large proportion of those who professed to belong to it. Places of worship of other denominations have been erected within a few years past, in the village of Petersburgh, near the York Springs, which, on

account of their greater convenience to the mass of the people has also had the effect not only of detaching a number of those who were formerly attendants on the services of the church, but of preventing its increase in several other respects. These impediments to its growth, the vestry and others interested in its welfare, have observed with much regret, and I am happy to say, have determined, if possible, to remedy. They accordingly, on Easter Monday last, notwithstanding several discouraging circumstances, adopted measures for the immediate erection of a church or chapel to be located in the borough of Petersburg, and to be proceeded in without delay. One gentleman of the vestry has not only subscribed generously, but has offered a very eligible lot for its location; and we now trust, that with a little extraneous assistance, we shall be enabled, through God's blessing, not only to obviate the difficulties under which we have laboured, but be the means of causing this aged and much enfeebled Zion "to lengthen her cords, and to strengthen her stakes." The church or chapel has been contracted for, and it is expected will be ready for consecration in the month of September next.

The system of instruction, recommended by the Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union, was introduced into the schools connected with Christ church, on the 26th of July, 1836.

I deem it my duty also to report that I have for several years past officiated as often as every third Sunday, at Kidderminster, a small town, about six miles distant from Carlisle. There is no regularly organized congregation or church established here, but the assemblages at public worship are large and respectable, consisting of persons of various denominations. An Episcopal church may be established in this place at no remote period, and with a prospect of success. My services at other times are principally devoted to supplying vacant congregations, and situations destitute of the constant ministrations of the gospel. They are, on all occasions, freely and gratuitously bestowed.

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Report of the Rev. Stephen H. Tyng, D. D. Rector of the Church of the Epiphany, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults, 5; infants, 25; congregation, families, 115; adults, 250; children, 200; total, 450; communicants, added, 63; died or removed, 1; present number, 149; confirmed, 40; marriages, 15; burials, 5; children catechised, 200; times, 12; bible classes, 1; members, 40; Sunday schools, male, 2; teachers, 12; pupils, 98; female, 3; teachers, 13; pupils, 116; total,

schools, 5; teachers, 25; pupils, 214; collections, Missionary and other purposes, $1200.

The temporal condition of the church is entirely prosperous, and its spiritual condition is in the highest degree encouraging.

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Report of the Rev. George Upfold, D. D., Rector of Trinity Church, Pittsburgh, Allegheny county.

Baptisms, adults, 4; infants, 57; total, 61; communicants, added, 25; died or removed, 17; present number, 289; public services, on Sundays, 104; other days, 75; total 182; marriages, 18; burials, 25: bible classes, 1: members, 16: Sunday schools, 1; teachers, 17: pupils, 300: collections, Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $151,51: Missionary and other purposes, $600: total, $751.

The Rector of this parish has visited and preached in the course of the past year, at St. Peter's church, Butler, and St. Paul's, Kittanning, once each: at St. John's church, Lawrenceville, twice, Trinity church, Freeport, three times, and once at St. Luke's church, Marietta, Ohio.

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Report of the Right Rev. William White, D. D., rector of Christ Church, St. Peter's and St. Jame's, Philadelphia.

Christ Church.

The Rev. J. W. James, assistant Minister.

The baptisms in this church have been, adults 11; infants 35; total 46. The communicants have numbered 203; of these 6 have died or removed; and 41 have been added during the year; the present number is 197. On Monday in Passion Week, 35 persons were confirmed. The assistant minister has officiated at 13 marriages. The burials, in the grounds of the church, have been 53. The Bible classes are two; one of which composed of grown persons, and including the female teachers of the Sunday school, has been taught by the minister, who also has met the male teachers every week for their instruction. The adult bible class was composed of 42; the other class is taught on Sundays, and numbers 15; which, with the female Sunday School and infant classes, make 165 Sunday scholars in the female department. The male scholars are about 60: total in schools 225. There are 5 male teachers, and 20 females; total teachers 25.

The collections for the Society for the Advancement of Christianity was $176 21; and for the Episcopal fund $74 93; and the whole collections and contributions of such a nature,

as to be known for missionary and other purposes, including the two above mentioned has been about $2000. In that excellent Assylum for destitute widows and single women, Christ Church Hospital, there are 33 inmates, who enjoy every thing that make them comfortable. From October to May, the assistant minister gives every week an evening lecture in the church, and during lent, a lecture every Wednesday and Friday morning.

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St. Peter's Church.

Rev. Wm. H. De Lancey, D. D., assistant minister.

Baptisms, adults 3; infants 49; total 52. Confirmed, 7. Burials 38. Children catechized 10 times. Sunday schools, male 1; teachers 8; pupils 81; female 1; teachers 24; pupils 150; infant school 1; teachers 7; pupils 90; total, schools 3; teachers 39; pupils 321. Collections, Episcopal fund $94 55; Society for the Advancement of Christianity 171 25; total 265 80.

The above report is necessarily imperfect, on account of the absence of the assistant minister, the Rev. Dr. Delancey, whose return is not expected until the last of this month.

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St James' Church.

The Rev. Henry J. Morton, assistant minister.

Baptisms, adults 3; Congregation, families 100; Communicants, added 30; present number 180. Public services, on Sundays 52. Confirmed 7. Marriages 6. Bible classes 2; members 20. Sunday schools, male 1; teachers 2; pupils 57; female 2; teachers 28; pupils 166; total, schools 3; teachers 30; pupils 223. Collections, Episcopal fund, $68 87; Society for the Advancement of Christianity $136 14; Missionary and other purposes $3352; total $3557 01.

A coloured school has been established in connexion with this church, and is held in the infant school room after evening service; the present number of scholars 12. An adult female school is also taught on one day in the week, and though only in operation a few weeks, has rapidly increased.

In additions to the collections noticed above, that is the Episcopal fund and the Society for the advancement of Christianity, others have been made for the *Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society*, for the *Sunday Schools*, for the *Bishop White Prayer Book Society*, and for the *poor*.

Additional Report of the Rector.

In addition, the rector of the above three churches reports, that he has usually preached in the three churches, once on every Sunday, and on certain holydays, taking each church in its turn; also some times in Christ Church Hospital, as within his cure. In Passion Week, he has delivered four lectures on the doctrines of grace, and a lecture on confirmation, and on the ministry, and another on the subject of the church. The said lectures are principally designed as accompaniments of lectures on the catechism, delivered by the assistant ministers, and of confirmations in that season.

The Rector also reports, that he has officiated at fourteen marriages.

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Report of Henry F. M. Whitesides, deacon, minister of St. Marks Church, Lewistown, Mifflin county, and St. John's, Huntingdon, Huntingdon county, Missionary.

St. Mark's Church.

Baptisms, infants 1; total 1. Congregation, families 15; adults 47; children 28; total 75. Communicants, present No. 8. Public services, on Sundays, 40; other days 10; total 50. Children catechized 9; times 2. Sunday schools, male 1; teachers 6; pupils 19; female 1; teachers 8; pupils 29; total, schools 2; teachers 14; pupils 48.

In consequence of the shortness of the time since my having assumed the charge of this parish, I am prevented from rendering a more full report than is now presented. It however affords me much pleasure to state, that there appears to be a growing interest manifested for the services of the church. It is also with much gratification that I have it to say, that the books of instruction now used in the Sunday schools attached to this church, as also the library books, were a donation from the Juvenile Missionary Society, of St Peters' Sunday Schools, Philadelphia. In addition to my services at Lewistown, Huntingdon, and Thompsontown, at which latter place I have preached three times, I have also visited and preached once at Bellefonte and twice at Phillipsburgh.

St. John's Church.

Baptisms 10; total 10. Congregation, families 12; adults 22; children 24; total 46. Public services, on Sundays 14; other days 3; total 17.

I have been officiating at Huntingdon, since the 17th of January last, every other Sunday, with the exception of two

Sundays when I visited and preached at Thompsontown. I have met with great encouragement at this place, and trust that before a long period shall have elapsed, there will be erected and consecrated a building exclusively for Episcopal services; at present we have permission to use the Lutheran church. I have not yet commenced a Sunday school at this place, which however I intend to do so as soon as materials for one can be procured.

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Report of the Rev. Thomas G. Allen.

As, by the Canon of the General Convention of 1835, every clergyman not regularly settled in any parish or church, shall report to the Ecclesiastical authority of his Diocese, the occasional services he may have performed, I therefore present the following view of my movements.

I am acting as a Missionary in the city and liberties of Philadelphia. My week days are given to pastoral visits, especially among the sick and afflicted, and to the promotion of various benevolent objects. I officiate and preach, &c., once in the week in the Magdalen Asylum; and in the week in my own house, and once in the month in the Widow's Asylum. My services on the Lord's Day I consider as under the control of no Society, but under the more immediate direction of Providence as to the time, place and circumstances of my ministrations.

Since the 18th of May, 1835, (or about the opening of the last Diocesan Convention) I officiated in the service alone, repeatedly: also I have administered, or assisted in the ministration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. In preaching, lecturing, &c. I have officiated on 144 occasions, more than one half on the Lord's Day. I have administered baptism to 25 persons. I have married 40 couple. I have officiated on 101 funeral occasions. My pastoral visits have been 1431, 1173 of them to the sick and afflicted. During these visits I have endeavoured to give suitable counsel, but especially to preach the gospel, engage in prayer, and leave tracts.

I have distributed a few copies of the Bible, and the New Testament, also of the Prayer Book. I have circulated many thousand pages of Tracts During the year ending with March 11th, 1836, I distributed 43,359 pages of Traets.

I have cause of gratitude, in the assurance that these feeble efforts have been owned and blessed as the means of good to many immortal souls. Were this a proper occasion, interesting facts could be here recited which would indeed cause the benevolent and pious heart to rejoice. But to the

God of our salvation, be all the praise forever, through the Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, amen.

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Report of the Rev. Robert Davis.

Agreeably to the requisitions of a canon passed at the last General Convention, the following report is made:

Since the first of February I have officiated on eight Lord's days in the church at Lawrenceville, Allegheny county: the Rev. Mr. Crumpton preaching for me once. Besides this, I performed divine service and preached twice in Wellsburgh, the capital of Brooke county, in the diocese of Virginia.

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Report of the Rev. Joseph Jacquett.

During the past year he has been daily employed in teaching Theological students and others the Hebrew language.

He has also during the same period performed various ministerial duties—of which he can give no specification, having been under the impression that no report was required of him.

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Report of the Rev. James Wiltbank, Rector of Zion Church, Spring Garden, Philadelphia.

The subscriber respectfully reports that having, since the last Convention, discontinued his services as principal in a classical academy, and as hitherto, assisted his brethren, in the performance of their parochial duties, both in the city and country; he has, for some months past directed his attention to the special object of organizing and establishing a church in Spring Garden, contiguous to this city, on the North.

The church has been duly organized, as the certificate of the Secretary of the Standing Committee, and committee of advice, and the signatures of the States Attorney and Judges of the Supreme court of the State will duly testify, in our application for admission into union with the Protestant Episcopal Church of this Diocese.

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Report of Trinity Curch, Rockville, Crawford County.

Congregation. Families, 8; communicants, added 1; died or removed 1; present number 7. Public Services, on Sundays 2; other days 2; total 4. Burials 1.

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Report of the Wardens of St. John's Church, Lawrenceville, Allegheny County.

The undersigned Wardens of St. John's church, Lawrenceville Allegheny, county, report since the Rev. Wm. Hilton

resigned the ministerial charge thereof on the first Sunday after Epiphany 10th January, 1836, the church has been closed 7 Sundays, and divine service performed once each day for 10 Sundays—Rev. Robt. Davis officiating seven times, Rev. Dr. Upfold once, Rev. Mr. Crumpton once, and lay reading once.

The Sunday school consists at present of a superintendant, 3 male and 2 female teachers, 12 male and 14 female scholars. It is intended in reliance on God's blessing to keep up lay-ministrations once every Sunday, till a minister is sent to us in his own good providence. No collections have been made, nor has the communion or baptism been administered since the Rev. Mr. Hilton's resignation.

A. Beckham, Senior Warden,
A. Beckley, Junior Warden.

On motion of the Secretary,

Resolved, That 500 copies of the Journal be printed.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Upfold,

Resolved, That the next Convention be held in St. Andrew's Church, in this city, on the 3d Tuesday of May 1837.

On motion of Bishop Onderdonk, it was

Resolved, That the following be adopted as the fourth revised regulation, entitled "of the contributions for defraying the expenses incurred or authorized by the Convention.

"It is enjoined on every settled clergyman within the Diocese, to have a collection made in his Church in each year, in aid of the Convention Fund; at which time a statement shall be made, explaining the objects to which the fund is applied. That the names of the clergy be called over at each Convention, for the purpose of ascertaining whether such collections have been made in their respective churches—and that mileage be not allowed to any clergyman attending the Convention, unless a collection for the said purpose has been made in his church since the preceding Convention.

"The money so collected shall be applied to the payment of expenses incurred or authorized by the Convention."

Mr. Wagner moved that $50 additional be appropriated to the Committee on mileage.

Whereupon it was moved by Dr. Mead, that $100 additional be appropriated: which was lost. The question was then taken on $50 and carried.

The Convention then united in singing the last four verses of the 99th of the selected psalms; when, after the benedic-

tion from the Right Rev. Bishop White, the Convention adjourned, *sine die.*

WILLIAM COOPER MEAD,
Secretary of the Convention.
HENRY WILLIAM DUCACHET,
Assistant Secretary.

List of the Clergy of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

May 19th, 1836.

The Right Rev. William White, D. D. senior Bishop of the American Protestant Episcopal church, presiding in the house of bishops, bishop of the diocese, and rector of Christ church, St. Peter's, and St. James's, Philadelphia.

The Right Rev. Henry Ustick Onderdonk, D. D. Assistant Bishop of the diocese of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

The Rev. James Abercrombie, D. D. residing in Philad.

The Rev. Wm. Adderly, deacon, officiating at Georgtown and St. Paul's on the Ohio river, as a missionary in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. Chas. H. Alden, residing in Philadelphia.

The Rev. Thomas G. Allen, residing in Philadelphia.

The Rev. Robert Ayres, residing in Franklin, Venango county.

The Rev. Frederick W. Beasly, rector of All Saints' church, Lower Dublin, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. Samuel Bowman, rector of St. James' church, Lancaster, Lancaster county.

The Rev. George Boyd, rector of St. John's church, N. L. Philadelphia.

The Rev. Samuel C. Brinkle, assistant minister of the Swedish churches, near Philadelphia.

The Rev. William Bryant, residing in Philadelphia, teaching a school, and officiating as a domestic missionary in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. E. Y. Buchanan, rector of St. John's church, Pequea, Chester county and Christ church, Leacock, Lancaster county.

The Rev. Levi Bull, rector of St, Mary's church, East Nantmeal, Chester county, Bangor church, Churchtown, Lancaster county, and St. Thomas' church, Morgantown, Berks county.

The Rev. John A. Clark, rector of St. Andrew's church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Jehu C. Clay, rector of the Swedish churches, near Philadelphia.

The Rev. John R. Clemson, rector of the church of the Ascension, Philadelphia.

The Rev, Asa S. Colton, deacon.

The Rev. Chauncey Colton, D. D. President of Bristol College.

The Rev. Thomas Crumpton, rector of Christ church, Meadville, Crawford county.

The Rev. Christian F. Cruse, Professor of Languages, in the Abbeville Institute, Lancaster county.

The Rev. Marcus R. Cushman, deacon.

The Rev. Robert Davis, Philadelphia.

The Rev. William H. De Lancey, D. D. assistant minister of St. Peter's church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Jacob M. Douglass, rector of St. Matthew's church, Francisville, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. William Douglass, (a coloured man,) rector of St. Thomas' (African) church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. George C. Drake, rector of St. Paul's church, Bloomsburgh, Columbia county, missionary, in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. Henry W. Ducachet, M. D. rector of St. Stephen's church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Charles M. Dupuy, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Robert Dyce.

The Rev. Lyman N. Freeman, rector of Christ Church, Brownsville, Fayette county, and St. Peter's church, Pike Run, Washington county, missionary, in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. Frederick Freeman, rector of St. David's church, Manayunk, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. Silas W. Freeman.

The Rev. John W. French, deacon, Professor of Rhetoric and Oratory, in Bristol College.

The Rev. Bennet Glover, rector of St. Paul's church, Erie, and St. Peter's church, Waterford, Erie county, missionary, in the service of the Society for the advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. John R. Goodman, rector of St. John's church, Carlisle, Cumberland county.

The Rev. Caleb I. Good, Professor of Languages in Bristol College.

The Rev. Richard D. Hall, rector of St. Paul's church, Chester, and St. Martin's church, Marcus Hook, Delaware county.

The Rev. Raymond A. Henderson, rector of St. Luke's and Trinity churches, Pottsville, Schuylkill county.

The Rev. Caleb S. Henry, deacon, Professor in Bristol college.

The Rev. William Hilton, rector of Christ church, Allegheny, missionary, in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. Wm. S. Hinds, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Marmaduke Hirst, rector of St. John's church, Concord, and Calvary church, Rockdale, Delaware county, missionary, in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. William Homman, deacon, officiating at Farransville, Lycoming county, as a missionary in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. Benjamin Hutchins, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Cyrus H. Jacobs, Philadelphia.

The Rev. John W. James, assistant minister of Christ church, Philadelphia.

The Rev, Joseph Jacquett, Philadelphia.

The Rev. John J. Kerr, deacon, officiating at Christ church, Greensburgh, Westmoreland county, and Trinity church, Connellsville, Fayette county, missionary, in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. Bryan B. Killikelly, rector of St. Peter's church, Butler, Butler county, St. Paul's church, Kittaning, and Trinity Parish, Freeport, Armstrong county, missionary, in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. George Kirke, rector of St. John's church, New London cross roads, Chester county, missionary, in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. William B. Lacey, D. D., rector of St. Paul's church, Laceyville, Allegheny county.

The Rev. Freeman Lane, officiating at Springville, Susquehanna county, and Pike, Bradford county, as a missionary, in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. Samuel T. Lord, officiating at Athens and Towanda, Bradford county, as a missionary, in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. Samuel A. M'Coskry, rector of St. Paul's church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. John Linn M'Kim, deacon, minister of Grace church, Honesdale, Wayne county, missionary in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. Samuel Marks, at Carbondale and Dundaff, Susquehanna county, missionary, in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. James May, rector of St. Stephen's church, Wilkesbarre.

The Rev. William Cooper Mead, D. D., rector of Trinity church, Southwark, Philadelphia.

The Rev. George Mintzer, rector of St. Andrew's church, West Vincent, Chester county.

The Rev. Richard U. Morgan, rector of Christ church, Reading, Berks county.

The Rev. Henry J. Morton, assistant minister of St. James' church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Willie Peck, rector of St. Paul's church, Montrose, Susquehanna county, missionary, in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. Robert Piggot, rector of All Soul's church, Philadelphia, and officiating in St. Mary's church, in Hamiltonville, as missionary of the society for the advancement of christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. Augustin P. Prevost, deacon, Philadelphia.

The Rev. William H. Rees, rector of St. David's (Radnor) church, Newtown, Delaware county.

The Rev. Francis Reno, Beaver, Beaver county.

The Rev. John Reynolds, rector of St. James' church, Perkiomen, and St. John's church, Norristown, Montgomery county.

The Rev. Greenbury W. Ridgely, rector of St. Luke's church, Newtown, Bucks county.

The Rev. John Rodney, Jr., rector of St. Luke's church, Germantown, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. Joshua M. Rogers, rector of Trinity church, Easton, missionary, in the service of the society for the advancement of christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. George Sheets, rector of Trinity church, Oxford, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. George A. Smith, residing in Philadelphia.

The Rev. Isaac Smith, rector of St. James' church, Muncy, Lycoming county, and St. Matthews' church, Sunbury, Northumberland county, missionary, in the service of the society for the advancement of christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. Nathan Stem, rector of St. Stephen's church, Harrisburgh, Dauphin county.

The Rev. William Suddards, rector of Grace church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. John Taylor, residing in Pittsburgh, Allegheny county.

The Rev. John V. E. Thorn, rector of Christ church, Huntingdon, Adams county.

The Rev. Stephen H. Tyng, D. D. rector of the church of the Epiphany.

The Rev. George Upfold, D. D., rector of Trinity church, Pittsburgh.

The Rev. Peter Van Pelt, secretary of the Board of Missions of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary society, Philad.

The Rev. Henry F. M. Whitesides, deacon, minister of St. Mark's church, Lewistown, Mifflin county, and St. John's church, Huntingdon, Huntingdon county, missionary, in the service of the society for the advancement of christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. Charles Williams, D. D., Bristol, Bucks county.

The Rev. Bird Wilson, D. D. professor of systematic divinity in the General Theological Seminary.

The Rev. James Wiltbank, rector of Zion church, Spring Garden, Philadelphia.

The Rev Alexander Varian, deacon, Professor in the Abeville Institute, Lancaster county.

Total 86.

List of the Congregations in the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

ADAMS COUNTY.

Huntingdon township—Christ church.

ARMSTRONG COUNTY.

Kittaning—St. Paul's church.

ALLEGHENY COUNTY.

City of Pittsburgh—Trinity church.
Allegheny—Christ church.
Lawrenceville—St. John's church.
Lacyville—St. Paul's church.

BEAVER COUNTY.

Georgetown—Georgetown church.

BERKS COUNTY.

Amity township (Morlattin)—St. Gabriel's church.
Reading—Christ church.
Morgantown—St. Thomas's church.

BRADFORD COUNTY.

Pike—St. Matthew's church.

BUCKS COUNTY.

Bristol—St. James the Greater's church.
Newtown—St. Luke's church.
Yardleyville—St. Andrew's church.

BUTLER COUNTY.

Butler—St. Peter's church.

CENTRE COUNTY.

Phillipsburgh—Trinity church.

CHESTER COUNTY.

New London township—St. John's church.
East Nantmeal Township—St. Mary's church.
Great Valley—St. Peter's church.
Pequea township—St. John's church.
West Whiteland township—St. Paul's church.
West Vincent—St. Andrew's church.

COLUMBIA COUNTY.

Sugarloaf township—St. Gabriel's church.
Bloomsburgh—St. Paul's church.
Madison (Jerseytown)—Christ church.
Danville—Christ church.

CRAWFORD COUNTY.

Meadville—Christ church.
Rockville—Trinity church.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

Carlisle—St. John's church.

DAUPHIN COUNTY.

Harrisburg—St. Stephen's church.

DELAWARE COUNTY.

Chester—St. Paul's church.
Lower Chichester township, Marcus Hook—St. Martin's church.
Concord township—St. John's church.
Newtown township—Radnor—St. David's church.
Rockdale—Calvary church.

ERIE COUNTY.

Erie—St. Paul's church.
Waterford—St. Peter's church.

FAYETTE COUNTY.

Brownsville—Christ church.
Manalen—Grace church.
Connellsville—Trinity church.

HUNTINGDON COUNTY.

Huntingdon—St. John's church.

INDIANA COUNTY

Blairsville—St. Peter's church.

LANCASTER COUNTY.

City of Lancaster—St. James' church.
Leacock township—Christ church.
Caernavon township, Churchtown—Bangor church.
Marrietta—Zion church.

LUZERNE COUNTY.

Wilkes-Barré—St. Stephens church,

LYCOMING COUNTY.

Muncy—St. James church.

MERCER COUNTY.

St. John's church,

MIFFLIN COUNTY.

Lewistown—St. Mark's church.
Thompsontown—St. Stephen's church.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY.

Whitemarsh township—St. Thomas's church.
Perkiomen township—St. James' church.
Norristown—St. John's church.
Pottstown—Christ church.

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY.

Easton—Trinity church.
Mauch Chunk—St. Mark's church.

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY.

Milton—Christ church,
Sunbury—St. Matthew's church.

PHILADELPHIA COUNTY.

The city of Philadelphia—Christ church, St. Peter's church, St. James' church, St. Paul's church, St. Stephen's church, St. Andrew's church, Grace church, All Soul's church, and the church of the Epiphany.
Northern Liberties—St. John's church.
Southwark—Trinity church.
Francisville—St. Matthew's church.
Lower Dublin township—All Saint's church.
Oxford township—Trinity church.
Germantown—St. Luke's church.
Blockley township, Mantua—St. Mark's church.

Hamiltonville—St. Mary's church.
Manayunk—St. David's church.
Spring Garden—Zion church.

SCHUYLKILL COUNTY.

Pottsville—St. Luke's church, Trinity church.

SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY.

Springville—St. Jude's church.
New Milford—St. Mark's church.
Montrose—St. Paul's church,

VENANGO COUNTY.

Franklin—St. John's church.
Venango Furnace—St. James' church.

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Pike-run township—St. Peter's church.

WAYNE COUNTY.

Dyberry parish—Embracing Grace church, Honesdale, and Truth church, Bethany.

WESTMORELAND COUNTY.

Greensburgh—Christ church.

YORK COUNTY.

York—St. John the Baptist's church.

There is also in Philadelphia, St. Thomas (African) church, not in union with the convention. Total, 91.

List of Candidates for Orders in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, May 19th, 1836.

Henry B. Page—since February 18, 1831.
John B. Foster—since April 3, 1832.
Alfred A. Miller—since July 6, 1833.
Kingston Goddard—since September 18, 1833.
John W. Hoffman—since September 18, 1833.
Thomas E. Paine—since October 11, 1833.
Robert G. Hays—since October 11, 1833.
William M'Dougall—since November 19, 1833.
John S. Brennemen—since January 20, 1834.
James C. Hulme—since April 23, 1834.
Oliver G. Shaw—since July 7, 1834.
Edwin Wilson Wiltbank—since July 7, 1834.
Walter E. Franklin—since December 2, 1833.
Alfred Louderback—since October 2, 1834.
Richard F. Burnham—since October 2, 1834.
N. S. Harris—since November 3, 1834.
David Watts Huling—since November 3, 1834.
William White—since November 3, 1834.
John Francis Hoff—since November 3, 1834.
George W. Natt—since January 3, 1835.
Edmund Neville—since March 20, 1835.
Charles Breck—since September 21, 1835.
William H. Odenheimer—since September 21, 1835.
Joseph Adderly—since October 9, 1835.
John Richard Jones—since November 23, 1835.

Total, 25

Bought for the Episcopal Fund.

1835 Sept 16th, $237 34 Penn. 5 p. c. red'bl. 1853 at 107 p. c. $253 95
Received payment, HALE & DAVIDSON.
1836 May 5, $124 98 Penn. 5 per ct. red'ble. 1853 at 106 p. c. $132 48
Received payment, THOMAS HALE & CO.
Transferred to John Read, Thomas Hale and James S. Smith, Trustees of the Episcopal Fund. THOMAS HALE & CO.

The Episcopal Fund of the Diocese of Pennsylvania is invested wholly in the five per cent. stock of the State of Pennsylvania, and amounts at this time to the sum of fifteen thousand one hundred and forty seven dollars and ninety cents.

JOHN READ,
THOMAS HALE,
JAMES S. SMITH } *Trustees of the Episcopal Fund.*

Philadelphia, May 10th, 1836.

Dr. *Episcopal Fund in account with* *James S. Smith, Treasurer.* *Cr.*

1835			
Aug. 17	To cash paid Rt. Rev. H. U. Onderdonk, Assistant Bishop, being interest of Episcopal Fund, from February 1st to August 1st, 1835, . . .	369 64	
Sept. 3	Messrs. Hale & Davidson, to purchase 5 per cent. stock of the State of Pennsylvania, . . .	295	
1836			
Feb. 20	Rt. Rev. H. U. Onderdonk, Assistant Bishop, being interest of Episcopal Fund, from August 1st, 1835, to February 1st, 1836, . .	375 57	
May 4	Messrs. T. Hale & Co. to purchase 5 per cent. stock of the State of Pennsylvania,	132 48	
		1,131 64	

We the subscribers, appointed for that purpose by the Standing Committee, do certify that we have examined the foregoing account, and the vouchers therefor, and find the same to be correct.

CHARLES WHEELER,
TOBIAS WAGNER, } Committee.

Philadelphia, May 10th, 1836.

1835			
May 20	By cash received, being collections in the following Churches, viz:		
	Bangor Church, Churchtown,	$11 00	
	St. Thomas' church, Morgantown,	2 14	
	St. Gabriel's church, Morlattan,	2 34	
	Christ church, Pottstown,	2 35	
	St. Paul's church, West Whiteland, . . .	5 34	
	St. Andrew's church, West Vincent, . . .	6 05	
	St. James' church, Perkiomen,	8 79	
	Christ church, Reading,	9 51	
	All Saint's church, Lower Dublin,	9 12½	
	Christ church, Jersey Town, Columbia County, . .	2 41	
	St. Paul's church, Bloomsburg,	4 56	
	St. David's church, Newtown, Delaware County, .	9 00	
	Christ church, Brownsville	5 00	
	Trinity church, Pittsburg,	20 00	
	St. Stephen's church, Philadelphia, . . .	86 51	
	St. Stephen's church, Harrisburg, . . .	5 00	
	St. James' church, Lancaster,	30 00	
			219 12½
21	By cash received, being collections in the following churches, viz.		
	St. John's church, Carlisle,	18 42	
	St. John's church, New London,	1 76	
	St. Luke's church, Pottsville,	4 64½	
			24 82½
Aug. 17	By cash received, being interest on State 5 per cent Loan, from February 1st to August 1st, 1835,		369 64
19	By cash received, being collections in the following churches, viz.		
	Bangor church, Churchtown,	6 00	
	St. Thomas' church, Morgantown,	4 00	
			10 00
Dec. 3	By cash received from the Association of St. Paul's		
1836	church, Philadelphia, . . .		25 00
Feb. 18	By cash received, being collections in the following churches, viz.		
	St. Paul's church, Chester,	1 25	
	St. Martin's church, Marcus Hook, , . .	2 51	
	St. John's church, Concord,	3 11	
			6 87
20	By cash received, being interest on State 5 per cent. Loan, from August 1st, 1835, to February 1st, 1836, ...		375 57
March 11	By cash received, being collection in St. Stephen's church, Wilkesbarre, . . .		6 06
April 25	By cash received, being collection in St. Peter's church, Philadelphia, . . .		94 55
			$1,131 64

JAMES S. SMITH, *Treasurer.*

Philadelphia, May 10th, 1836.

Dr. *The Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church*

1835			
May	To cash paid the following Clergy towards their expenses in attending Convention, viz.		
	Rev. Mr. Mintzer,	$3 40	
	Mr. Morgan,	4 42	
	Mr. May	10 20	
	Mr. Crumpton,	33 15	
	Mr. De Pui,	7 39	
	Dr. Upfold,	25 50	
	Mr. Drake,	10 20	
	Mr. Smith,	10 20	
	Mr. Lord,	16 15	
	Mr. Freeman,	25 50	
	Mr. Kirk,	3 40	
	Mr. Stem,	8 50	
	Mr. Buchanan,	4 25	
	Mr. Hilton,	25 50	
	Mr. Reynolds,	1 70	
	Mr. Rogers,	5 10	
			194 56
June 3	To cash paid J. Harding, balance of bill for printing, dated 17th June, 1834,		71 03
15	To cash paid G. D. Rambaugh, for services in attending Convention,		6 99
	To cash paid J. C. Pechin, bill for binding journals of Convention,		7 50
	To cash paid Rev. Dr. Mead, for postages, &c. &c. 12th May last,		5 20
Sept.	To cash paid Draft of Dr. Mead, Secretary of the Convention of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, in favour of Rev. Dr. Anthon, Secretary of the General Convention, for contingent expenses thereof,		59 25
Oct. 9	To cash paid Right Rev. Bishop Onderdonk's account of expenses, for performing Episcopal duties,		38 44
Dec. 30	To cash paid do. do. &c.		37 91
1836	To cash paid Wm. Hoyland, expenses of room for meetings for examinations, &c. &c.		2 25
March 16	To cash paid J. Harding, on account of bill for printing,		50 00
	To cash paid Postages,		20
May 10	Balance in Bank,		30 96
			504 29

in Pennsylvania, with Tobias Wagner, Treasurer. *Cr.*

1835			
May 12	By balance of former account,		16 08
15	By cash received of St. Andrew's Church, Philad.	60	
20	St. Stephen's, Philadelphia,	20	
	Trinity, Pittsburg,	20	
	St. James', Lancaster,	20	
	All Saint's, Lower Dublin,	5	
	Trinity, Oxford,	5	
	St. John the Baptist, York,	5	
	St. Peter's, Great Valley,	10	
	St. James', Perkiomen,	5	
	St. John's, Concord,	5	
	St. Martin's, Marcus Hook,	5	
	St. David's, Radnor,	5	
	Bangor, Churchtown,	5	
	St. Mary's, East Nantmeal,	5	
	St. John's, Pequea,	5	
	St. John's, Norristown,	15	
	St. John's, Northern Liberties,	5	
	St. Luke's, Germantown,	5	
	Trinity, Easton,	15	
	St. James', Muncey,	5	
	St. Stephen's, Wilkesbarre,	5	
	St. John's, Carlisle,	5	
	Trinity, Southwark,	5	
	St. John's, New London,	5	
	Christ, Reading,	5	
	St. Thomas', Morgantown, Berks,	5	
	Christ, Brownsville,	5	
	St. Paul's, Bloomsburg, Columbia County,	5	
	St. Stephen's, Harrisburg,	5	
	St. Mary's, Hamiltonville,	5	
	St. Luke's, Pottsville,	5	
	St. John's, Lawrenceville,	5	
	St. Andrew's, West Vincent,	5	
23	St. Peter's, Philadelphia,	20	
June 28	St. John's, Pequea,	30	
30	Christ, Philadelphia,	20	
July 1	Christ, Danville,	5	
7	St. Paul's, Philadelphia,	20	
17	Grace, Philadelphia,	20	
Nov. 9	Christ, Jerseytown,	5	
	St. Paul's, Sugar Loaf,	5	
	St. Stephen's, Wilkesbarre, collection,	6 46	
Dec. 2	St. Paul's, Kittanning,	5	
7	St. Peter's, Butler,	5	
1836			
Jan. 18	Christ, Leacock, collection,	5 25	
	St. John's, Pequea, collection,	2 25	
Feb. 12	St. Paul's, West Whiteland, collection,	5 85	
	St. James', Philada., for 1835,	20	
April 5	St. Luke's, Germantown, for 1835,	5	
	St. Luke's, Germantown, collection,	8	
May 5	St. Andrew's, West Vincent, collection,	10 40	
			$504 29
May 10	By balance,		30 96

ERRORS EXCEPTED. TOBIAS WAGNER, *Treasurer.*

The above account has been examined [illegible]